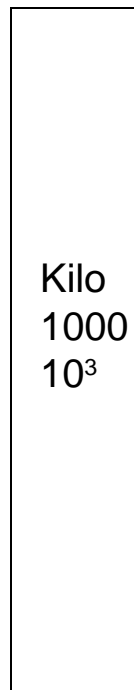
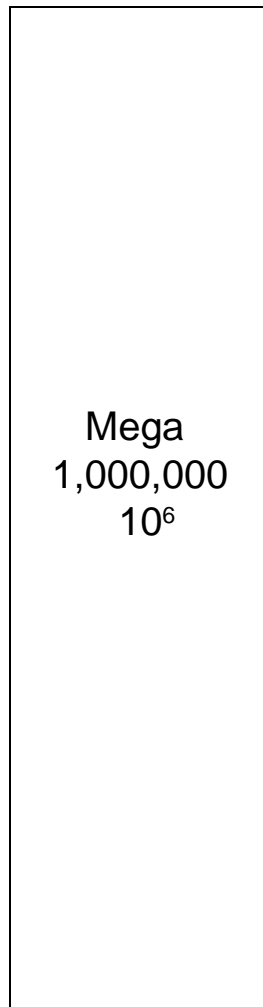


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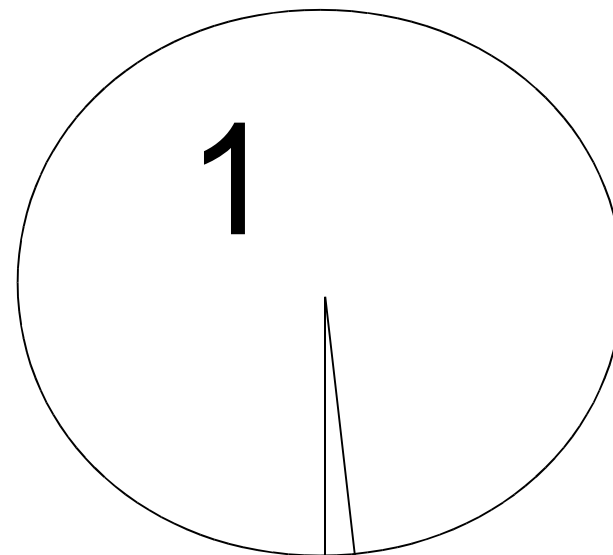


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POWERS OF 10



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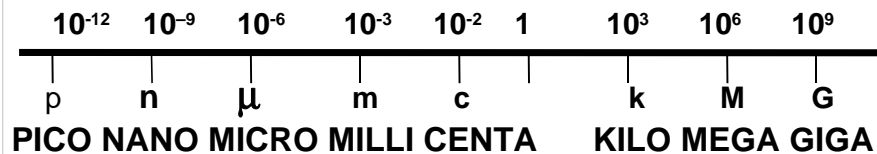


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KN6FW

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POWERS OF TEN



$$22,000 \text{ nF} = 22 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$$

$$3.525 \text{ MHz} = 3525 \text{ kHz}$$

$$3,725 \text{ kHz} = 3,725,000 \text{ Hz}$$

$$3000 \text{ mA} = 3 \text{ Amps}$$

$$3500 \text{ mV} = 3.5 \text{ Volts}$$

$$1000 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ kHz}$$

$$1.265 \text{ GHz} = 1265 \text{ MHz}$$

$$1,000,000 \text{ pF} = 1 \text{ Microfarad}$$

$$400 \text{ Centimeter} = 4 \text{ Meters}$$

$$500,000 \text{ Microfarads} = .5 \text{ Farads}$$

T5B01

How many milliamperes is 1.5 amperes?

- A. 15 milliamperes
- B. 150 milliamperes
- C. 1500 milliamperes
- D. 15,000 milliamperes

T5B02

What is another way to specify a radio signal frequency of 1,500,000 hertz?

- A. 1500 kHz
- B. 1500 MHz
- C. 15 GHz
- D. 150 kHz

T5B03

How many volts are equal to one kilovolt?

- A. One one-thousandth of a volt
- B. One hundred volts
- C. One thousand volts
- D. One million volts

T5B04

How many volts are equal to one microvolt?

- A. One one-millionth of a volt
- B. One million volts
- C. One thousand kilovolts
- D. One one-thousandth of a volt

T5B05

Which of the following is equal to 500 milliwatts?

- A. 0.02 watts
- B. 0.5 watts
- C. 5 watts
- D. 50 watts

T5B06

If an ammeter calibrated in amperes is used to measure a 3000-milliampere current, what reading would it show?

- A. 0.003 amperes
- B. 0.3 amperes
- C. 3 amperes
- D. 3,000,000 amperes

T5B07

If a frequency display calibrated in megahertz shows a reading of 3.525 MHz, what would it show if it were calibrated in kilohertz?

- A. 0.003525 kHz
- B. 35.25 kHz
- C. 3525 kHz
- D. 3,525,000 kHz

T5B12

Which of the following frequencies is equal to 28,400 kHz?

- A. 28.400 MHz
- B. 2.800 MHz
- C. 284.00 MHz
- D. 28.400 kHz

T5B13

If a frequency display shows a reading of 2425 MHz, what frequency is that in GHz?

- A. 0.002425 GHz
- B. 24.25 GHz
- C. 2.425 GHz
- D. 2425 GHz

T5B08

How many microfarads are equal to 1,000,000 picofarads?

- A. 0.001 microfarads
- B. 1 microfarad
- C. 1000 microfarads
- D. 1,000,000,000 microfarads

Names in Electronics

Alessandro Volta > Volt
Andre-Marie Ampere > Amp
George Simon > Ohm
Michael Faraday > Farad
Joseph Henry > Henry
Heinrich Rudolt Hertz > Hertz
Henry got H so Hertz got Hz

T5C14

What is the proper abbreviation for megahertz?

- A. mHz
- B. mhZ
- C. Mhz
- D. MHz

BASIC UNITS

Voltage or electromotive force

Pressure or force

Volt

Symbol = E

Current

Electron flow

Amp

Symbol = I

Resistance

Impedes current flow

Ohm

Symbol = R

1 volt at 1 amp = 1 ohm

Power

How fast electrical energy is used

Watt

Symbol = P

T5A05

What is the electrical term for the electromotive force (EMF) that causes electron flow?

- A. Voltage
- B. Ampere-hours
- C. Capacitance
- D. Inductance

T5A11

What is the unit of electromotive force?

- A. The volt
- B. The watt
- C. The ampere
- D. The ohm

T5A01

Electrical current is measured in which of the following units?

- A. Volts
- B. Watts
- C. Ohms
- D. Amperes

T5A03

What is the name for the flow of electrons in an electric circuit?

- A. Voltage
- B. Resistance
- C. Capacitance
- D. Current

T5A02

Electrical power is measured in which of the following units?

- A. Volts
- B. Watts
- C. Ohms
- D. Amperes

T5A10

Which term describes the rate at which electrical energy is used?

- A. Resistance
- B. Current
- C. Power
- D. Voltage

BASIC UNITS 2

Frequency

The rate that AC changes
Hertz or cycles per second

Audio

Standard human hearing
20 Hertz to 20,000 Hertz

Radio frequency

Above 20 kHz

Wavelength

Length of one cycle
$$\text{Wavelength in Meters} = 300 / \text{frequency in MHz}$$

T5A12

What describes the number of times per second that an alternating current makes a complete cycle?

- A. Pulse rate
- B. Speed
- C. Wavelength
- D. Frequency

T5C05

What is the unit of frequency?

- A. Hertz
- B. Henry
- C. Farad
- D. Tesla

T3B01

What is the name for the distance a radio wave travels during one complete cycle?

- A. Wave speed
- B. Waveform
- C. Wavelength
- D. Wave spread

Radio Frequency (RF) Names

VLF Very Low Frequency

- 3 To 30 kHz

LF Low Frequency

- 30 To 300 kHz

MF Medium Frequency

- 300 To 3000 kHz

HF High Frequency

- 3 To 30 MHz

VHF Very High Frequency

- 30 To 300 MHz

UHF Ultra High Frequency

- 300 To 3000 MHz

EHF Extremely High Frequency

- 3 To 30 GHz

- Microwave

T5C06

What does the abbreviation “RF” refer to?

- A. Radio frequency signals of all types
- B. The resonant frequency of a tuned circuit
- C. The real frequency transmitted as opposed to the apparent frequency
- D. Reflective force in antenna transmission lines

T3B10

What frequency range is referred to as HF?

- A. 300 to 3000 MHz
- B. 30 to 300 MHz
- C. 3 to 30 MHz
- D. 300 to 3000 kHz

T3B08

What are the frequency limits of the VHF spectrum?

- A. 30 to 300 kHz
- B. 30 to 300 MHz
- C. 300 to 3000 kHz
- D. 300 to 3000 MHz

T3B09

What are the frequency limits of the UHF spectrum?

- A. 30 to 300 kHz
- B. 30 to 300 MHz
- C. 300 to 3000 kHz
- D. 300 to 3000 MHz

CONDUCTOR INSULATORS

- **Conductor**
 - **Good electron flow**
Silver, copper, gold, aluminum
 - **Insulator**
 - **No electron flow**
Glass, air, plastic, porcelain
-

T5A07

Which of the following is a good electrical conductor?

- A. Glass
- B. Wood
- C. Copper
- D. Rubber

T5A08

Which of the following is a good electrical insulator?

- A. Copper
- B. Glass
- C. Aluminum
- D. Mercury

DC

DC or direct current

Current flows in one direction only

Resistance

Automotive = 12 volts DC

T5A06

How much voltage does a mobile transceiver typically require?

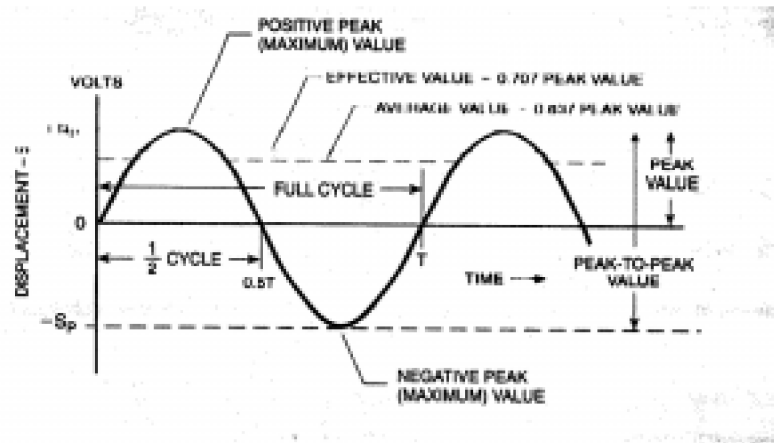
- A. About 12 volts
- B. About 30 volts
- C. About 120 volts
- D. About 240 volts

T5A04

What is the name for a current that flows only in one direction?

- A. Alternating current
- B. Direct current
- C. Normal current
- D. Smooth current

AC



- **AC or alternating current**
 - Current changes direction
 - Reactance or Impedance in Ohms
 - Measured in
 - Root Mean Square (rms) 0.707 of peak
 - Same Heat as DC voltage
 - Peak to Peak 2.828 X rms
 - Peak 1.414 X rms
- **House voltage = 117 volts**
 - 60 hertz

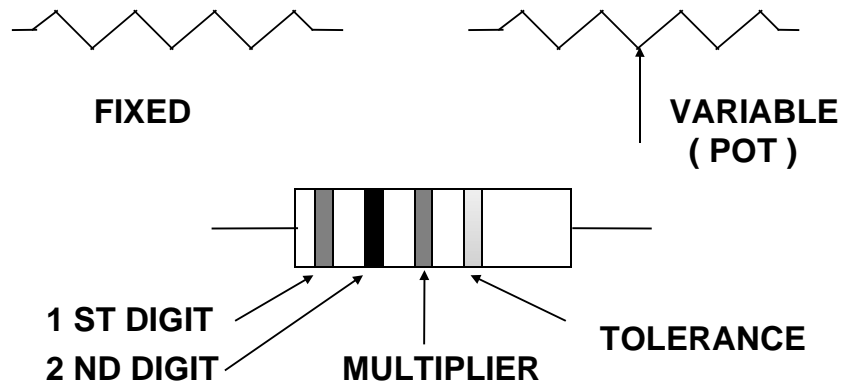
T5A09

What is the name for a current that reverses direction on a regular basis?

- A. Alternating current
- B. Direct current
- C. Circular current
- D. Vertical current

RESISTOR

Resistors Dissipate Power &
Control or Limit Current



T6A02

What type of component is often used as an adjustable volume control?

- A. Fixed resistor
- B. Power resistor
- C. Potentiometer
- D. Transformer

T6A03

What electrical parameter is controlled by a potentiometer?

- A. Inductance
- B. Resistance
- C. Capacitance
- D. Field strength

The correct answer is not present (VOLTAGE)

RESISTORS

• In series add $R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

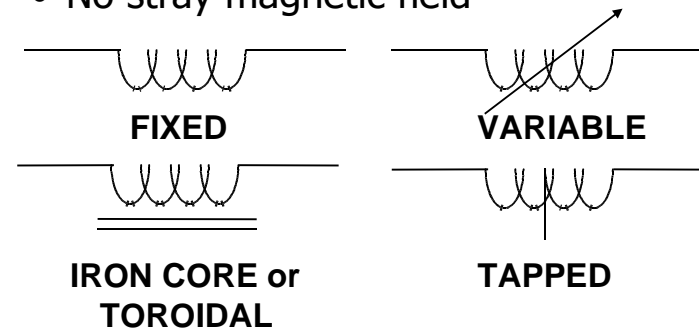
• In parallel

$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$

- 2 equal values in parallel
= one half the value
2 100 ohm resistors = 50 ohms
Always less than either resistor
- Temperature coefficient
 - Plus, Minus, Zero
- Wire-wound resistors are inductive

INDUCTOR

- Opposes a change of current
- Stores energy in a magnetic field
- Series connected add
- Parallel Smaller than the smallest
- Have Mutual Inductance
 - 90 Degrees to minimize
- $X_L = 2\pi fL$ in Ohms
- Toroidal
 - More bang for the buck
 - No stray magnetic field



T5C03

What is the ability to store energy in a magnetic field called?

- A. Admittance
- B. Capacitance
- C. Resistance
- D. Inductance

T5C04

What is the basic unit of inductance?

- A. The coulomb
- B. The farad
- C. The henry
- D. The ohm

T6A01

What electrical component opposes the flow of current in a DC circuit?

- A. Inductor
- B. Resistor
- C. Voltmeter
- D. Transformer

T6A06

What type of electrical component stores energy in a magnetic field?

- A. Resistor
- B. Capacitor
- C. Inductor
- D. Diode

T6A07

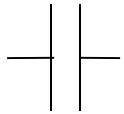
What electrical component usually is constructed as a coil of wire?

- A. Switch
- B. Capacitor
- C. Diode
- D. Inductor

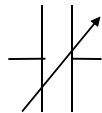
CAPACITOR

- Opposes a change in voltage
- Stores energy in an electrostatic field
- Blocks DC
- Passes AC
- Parallel connected add
- Series smaller than the smallest
- Ceramic
 - Low cost
- Electrolytic
 - Large values
 - Polarity

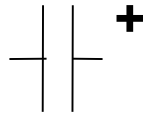
$$X_c = \frac{1}{2\pi fC} \text{ in Ohms}$$



FIXED



VARIABLE



ELECTROLYTIC

T5C02

What is the basic unit of capacitance?

- A. The farad
- B. The ohm
- C. The volt
- D. The henry

T6A04

What electrical component stores energy in an electric field?

- A. Resistor
- B. Capacitor
- C. Inductor
- D. Diode

T6A05

What type of electrical component consists of two or more conductive surfaces separated by an insulator?

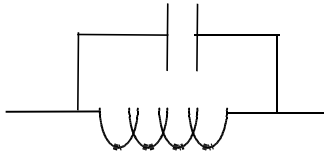
- A. Resistor
- B. Potentiometer
- C. Oscillator
- D. Capacitor

T5C01

What is the ability to store energy in an electric field called?

- A. Inductance
- B. Resistance
- C. Tolerance
- D. Capacitance

Resonant Circuits



Series

- Low impedance at resonance

Parallel

- High impedance at resonance
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T6D08

Which of the following is combined with an inductor to make a tuned circuit?

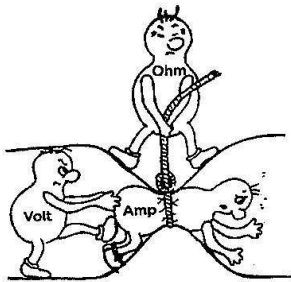
- A. Resistor
- B. Zener diode
- C. Potentiometer
- D. Capacitor

T6D11

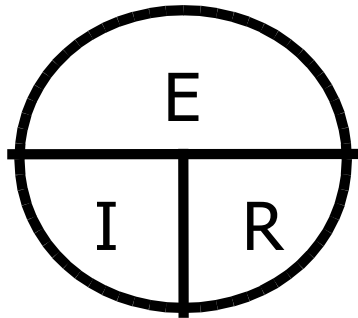
Which of the following is a resonant or tuned circuit?

- A. An inductor and a capacitor connected in series or parallel to form a filter
- B. A type of voltage regulator
- C. A resistor circuit used for reducing standing wave ratio
- D. A circuit designed to provide high-fidelity audio

OHM'S LAW



$$E = I R$$



$$I = \frac{E}{R}$$

$$R = \frac{E}{I}$$

T5D01

What formula is used to calculate current in a circuit?

- A. Current (I) equals voltage (E) multiplied by resistance (R)
- B. Current (I) equals voltage (E) divided by resistance (R)
- C. Current (I) equals voltage (E) added to resistance (R)
- D. Current (I) equals voltage (E) minus resistance (R)

T5D02

What formula is used to calculate voltage in a circuit?

- A. Voltage (E) equals current (I) multiplied by resistance (R)
- B. Voltage (E) equals current (I) divided by resistance (R)
- C. Voltage (E) equals current (I) added to resistance (R)
- D. Voltage (E) equals current (I) minus resistance (R)

T5D03

What formula is used to calculate resistance in a circuit?

- A. Resistance (R) equals voltage (E) multiplied by current (I)
- B. Resistance (R) equals voltage (E) divided by current (I)
- C. Resistance (R) equals voltage (E) added to current (I)
- D. Resistance (R) equals voltage (E) minus current (I)

T5D04

What is the resistance of a circuit in which a current of 3 amperes flows through a resistor connected to 90 volts?

- A. 3 ohms
- B. 30 ohms
- C. 93 ohms
- D. 270 ohms

T5D05

What is the resistance in a circuit for which the applied voltage is 12 volts and the current flow is 1.5 amperes?

- A. 18 ohms
- B. 0.125 ohms
- C. 8 ohms
- D. 13.5 ohms

T5D06

What is the resistance of a circuit that draws 4 amperes from a 12-volt source?

- A. 3 ohms
- B. 16 ohms
- C. 48 ohms
- D. 8 ohms

T5D07

What is the current in a circuit with an applied voltage of 120 volts and a resistance of 80 ohms?

- A. 9600 amperes
- B. 200 amperes
- C. 0.667 amperes
- D. 1.5 amperes

T5D08

What is the current through a 100-ohm resistor connected across 200 volts?

- A. 20,000 amperes
- B. 0.5 amperes
- C. 2 amperes
- D. 100 amperes

T5D09

What is the current through a 24-ohm resistor connected across 240 volts?

- A. 24,000 amperes
- B. 0.1 amperes
- C. 10 amperes
- D. 216 amperes

T5D11

What is the voltage across a 10-ohm resistor if a current of 1 ampere flows through it?

- A. 1 volt
- B. 10 volts
- C. 11 volts
- D. 9 volts

T5D12

What is the voltage across a 10-ohm resistor if a current of 2 amperes flows through it?

- A. 8 volts
- B. 0.2 volts
- C. 12 volts
- D. 20 volts

T5D10

What is the voltage across a 2-ohm resistor if a current of 0.5 amperes flows through it?

- A. 1 volt
- B. 0.25 volts
- C. 2.5 volts
- D. 1.5 volts

AC Resistance Impedance Matching

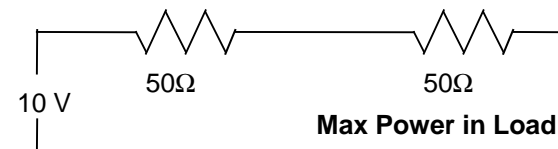
If Source = Load

Max Power Transfer



If Load = Short Then No Power in Load

If Load = Open Then No Power in Load



T5C12**What is impedance?**

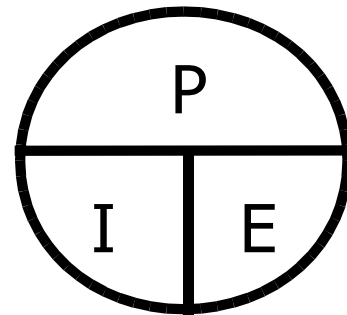
- A. A measure of the opposition to AC current flow in a circuit
- B. The inverse of resistance
- C. The Q or Quality Factor of a component
- D. The power handling capability of a component

T5C13**What is a unit of impedance?**

- A. Volts
- B. Amperes
- C. Coulombs
- D. Ohms

POWER LAW

$$\mathbf{P = EI}$$



$$I = \frac{P}{E}$$

$$E = \frac{P}{I}$$

OTHER FORMS

$$\mathbf{P = \frac{E^2}{R}}$$

$$\mathbf{P = I^2 R}$$

$$\mathbf{E = \sqrt{P R}}$$

$$\mathbf{I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}}$$

T5C08

What is the formula used to calculate electrical power in a DC circuit?

- A. Power (P) equals voltage (E) multiplied by current (I)
- B. Power (P) equals voltage (E) divided by current (I)
- C. Power (P) equals voltage (E) minus current (I)
- D. Power (P) equals voltage (E) plus current (I)

T5C09

How much power is being used in a circuit when the applied voltage is 13.8 volts DC and the current is 10 amperes?

- A. 138 watts
- B. 0.7 watts
- C. 23.8 watts
- D. 3.8 watts

T5C10

How much power is being used in a circuit when the applied voltage is 12 volts DC and the current is 2.5 amperes?

- A. 4.8 watts
- B. 30 watts
- C. 14.5 watts
- D. 0.208 watts

T5C11

How many amperes are flowing in a circuit when the applied voltage is 12 volts DC and the load is 120 watts?

- A. 0.1 amperes
- B. 10 amperes
- C. 12 amperes
- D. 132 amperes

Series Parallel

Series Circuit

**Current thru all components
the same**

Parallel Circuit

**Voltage on all components
the same**

T5D13

What happens to current at the junction of two components in series?

- A. It divides equally between them
- B. It is unchanged
- C. It divides based on the on the value of the components
- D. The current in the second component is zero

T5D16

What is the voltage across each of two components in parallel with a voltage source?

- A. It is determined by the type and value of the components
- B. Half the source voltage
- C. Twice the source voltage
- D. The same voltage as the source

T5A13

In which type of circuit is current the same through all components?

- A. Series
- B. Parallel
- C. Resonant
- D. Branch

T5A14

In which type of circuit is voltage the same across all components?

- A. Series
- B. Parallel
- C. Resonant
- D. Branch

Kirchhoff's Law

**Current entering a point must =
the current leaving that point**

Voltage around a circuit = Zero

T5D14

**What happens to current at the junction of two
components in parallel?**

- A. It divides between them dependent on the value of the components
- B. It is the same in both components
- C. Its value doubles
- D. Its value is halved

T5D15

**What is the voltage across each of two components
in series with a voltage source?**

- A. The same voltage as the source
- B. Half the source voltage
- C. It is determined by the type and value of the components
- D. Twice the source voltage

Transformer

Primary winding(s)

Input

Secondary winding(s)

Output

Turns ratio N_p/N_s

Voltage ratio

Impedance ratio

$$\sqrt{Z_p/Z_s} = N_p/N_s$$

Core Saturation (Bad)

Magnetizing Current (Losses)

Suppressor Cap

Across Secondary

Absorbs Transients

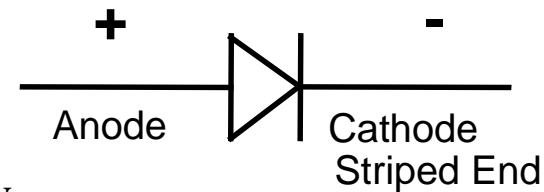
T6D06

What component is commonly used to change 120V AC house current to a lower AC voltage for other uses?

- A. Variable capacitor
- B. Transformer
- C. Transistor
- D. Diode

DIODE

- Solid state or Tube
- Allows current flow only in one direction
- Symbol is backwards
- Rectifier (another name for diode)
- PIV Peak Inverse Voltage (B4 it Smokes)
- Forward Voltage
 - Silicon about .7V (That the Answer)
 - Germanium about .3V (That the Answer)
- Parallel Diodes need Resisters
- Schottky Diode
 - Lower Capacitance



T6B02

What electronic component allows current to flow in only one direction?

- A. Resistor
- B. Fuse
- C. Diode
- D. Driven element

T6B06

How is the cathode lead of a semiconductor diode often marked on the package?

- A. With the word "cathode"
- B. With a stripe
- C. With the letter C
- D. With the letter K

T6B09

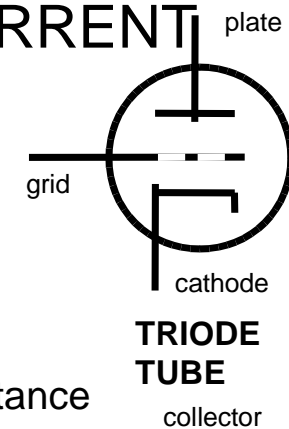
What are the names of the two electrodes of a diode?

- A. Plus and minus
- B. Source and drain
- C. Anode and cathode
- D. Gate and base

ACTIVE DEVICES CONTROL CURRENT

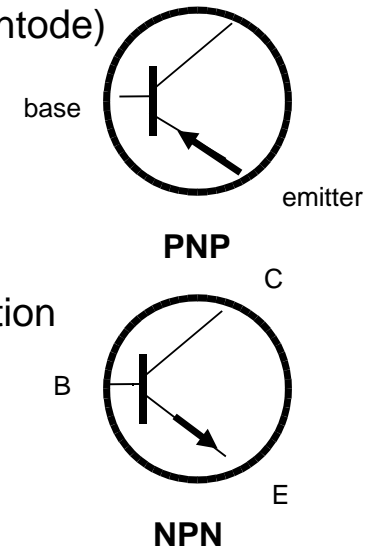
- Tube

- High voltage
- High current
- Grids
 - Control (Triode)
 - Screen (Tetrode)
 - Suppressor (Pentode)



- Transistor

- Low voltage
- Saturation
- Cutoff
- May require Insulation



T6B01

What class of electronic components uses a voltage or current signal to control current flow?

- A. Capacitors
- B. Inductors
- C. Resistors
- D. Transistors

T6B03

Which of these components can be used as an electronic switch or amplifier?

- A. Oscillator
- B. Potentiometer
- C. Transistor
- D. Voltmeter

T6B05

Which of the following electronic components can amplify signals?

- A. Transistor
- B. Variable resistor
- C. Electrolytic capacitor
- D. Multi-cell battery

T6B04

Which of the following components can consist of three layers of semiconductor material?

- A. Alternator
- B. Transistor
- C. Triode
- D. Pentagrid converter

T6B10

Which of the following could be the primary gain-producing component in an RF power amplifier?

- A. Transformer
- B. Transistor
- C. Reactor
- D. Resistor

T6B11

What is the term that describes a device's ability to amplify a signal?

- A. Gain
- B. Forward resistance
- C. Forward voltage drop
- D. On resistance

More ACTIVE DEVICES

FET Field Effect Transistor

Acts like a tube

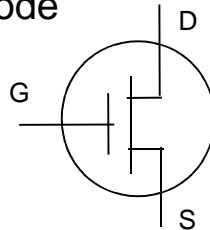
Gate = Control Grid

Source = Cathode

Drain = Plate

MOSFET

Insulated Gate



T6B08

What does the abbreviation FET stand for?

- A. Field Effect Transistor
- B. Fast Electron Transistor
- C. Free Electron Transmitter
- D. Frequency Emission Transmitter

Decibel or dB

Alexander Graham Bell

Sound Pressure

1dB = The amount the kids turns down the volume when you tell them it's too loud

dB = 20 Log Vo/Vin

dB = 10 log Po/Pin

Log Base 10

3 dB = 2X or ½ Power

10 dB = 10x or .1 Power

20 dB = 100X or .01 Power

1 S unit = 6dB

1dB = 10dB – 9dB or 10x - 8x or

About 20%

T5B09

What is the approximate amount of change, measured in decibels (dB), of a power increase from 5 watts to 10 watts?

- A. 2 dB
- B. 3 dB
- C. 5 dB
- D. 10 dB

T5B10

What is the approximate amount of change, measured in decibels(dB), of a power decrease from 12 watts to 3 watts?

- A. -1 dB
- B. -3 dB
- C. -6 dB
- D. -9 dB

T5B11

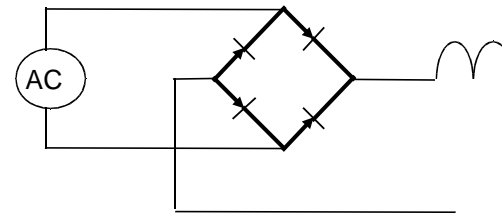
What is the amount of change, measured in decibels (dB), of a power increase from 20 watts to 200 watts?

- A. 10 dB
- B. 12 dB
- C. 18 dB
- D. 28 dB

Rectifiers

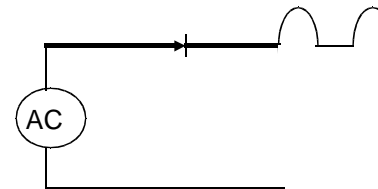
Full-Wave Rectifier

Converts Sine Wave to 2 Pulses



•Half-Wave Rectifier

- Converts Sine Wave to 1 Pulse

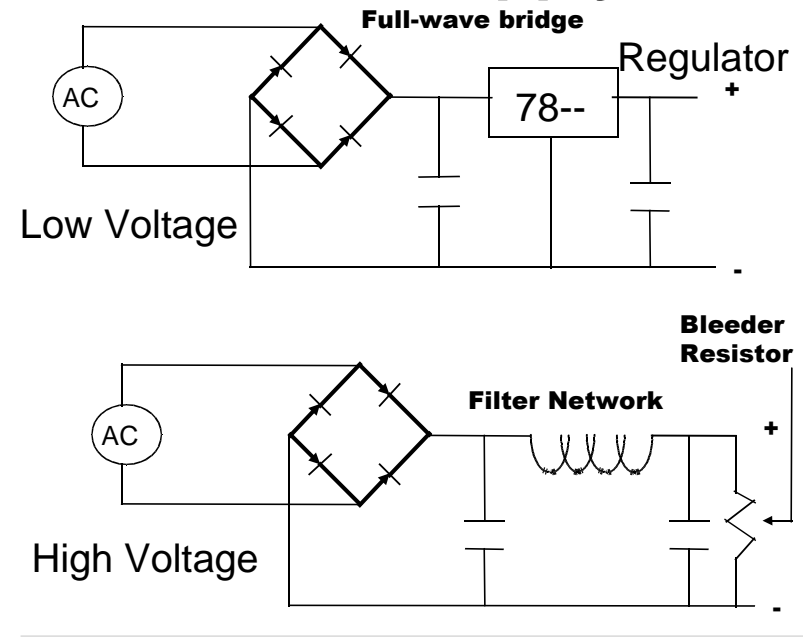


T6D01

Which of the following devices or circuits changes an alternating current into a varying direct current signal?

- A. Transformer
- B. Rectifier
- C. Amplifier
- D. Reflector

Power Supply



T6D05

What type of circuit controls the amount of voltage from a power supply?

- A. Regulator
- B. Oscillator
- C. Filter
- D. Phase inverter

T0A11

What kind of hazard might exist in a power supply when it is turned off and disconnected?

- A. Static electricity could damage the grounding system
- B. Circulating currents inside the transformer might cause damage
- C. The fuse might blow if you remove the cover
- D. You might receive an electric shock from the charge stored in large capacitors

RF Amplifiers

Efficiency = RF power / DC power

Class A

Linear

Low Distortion

Can Amplify After Mod SSB

Class C

NOT Linear

Good Efficiency

Can Amplify CW – FM

Efficiency

Output / Input Power

Receiver Preamp

Improve Receive signal

T7A10

What device increases the low-power output from a handheld transceiver?

- A. A voltage divider
- B. An RF power amplifier
- C. An impedance network
- D. All of these choices are correct

T7A09

What is the function of the SSB/CW-FM switch on a VHF power amplifier?

- A. Change the mode of the transmitted signal
- B. Set the amplifier for proper operation in the selected mode
- C. Change the frequency range of the amplifier to operate in the proper portion of the band
- D. Reduce the received signal noise

T7A11

Where is an RF preamplifier installed?

- A. Between the antenna and receiver
- B. At the output of the transmitter's power amplifier
- C. Between a transmitter and antenna tuner
- D. At the receiver's audio output

Oscillator

- **All oscillators use:**
 - Positive Feedback
 - When a Mic Squeaks
 - Filter to Determine Frequency
 - RC Phase Shift
 - LC Tank Circuit
 - Amplification
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T7A05

What is the name of a circuit that generates a signal at a specific frequency?

- A. Reactance modulator
- B. Product detector
- C. Low-pass filter
- D. Oscillator

Battery Technology

Rechargeable 1

- **Lead acid**

- Car battery / Sealed Cell

- 2 Volts per cell
 - 6 Cells 12 Volt
 - Do not Discharge below 10.5 volt
 - Match Discharge rate to battery
 - Do not charge at high current

- Can over heat

- Hydrogen gas

- Explode

- **NiCd / NiMH**

- Battery Packs

- 1.2 Volts per cell
 - Memory
 - Self Discharge 10% per Month
 - Flat Discharge
 - Low internal resistance
 - More current available

Battery Technology

Rechargeable 2

Lithium

- Battery Packs

- 3.6 Volts per cell
 - High Power / Price
 - Slope Discharge

T6A10

Which of the following battery types is rechargeable?

- A. Nickel-metal hydride
- B. Lithium-ion
- C. Lead-acid gel-cell
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0A10

What can happen if a lead-acid storage battery is charged or discharged too quickly?

- A. The battery could overheat, give off flammable gas, or explode
- B. The voltage can become reversed
- C. The memory effect will reduce the capacity of the battery
- D. All of these choices are correct

Battery Technology 2 Not Rechargeable

- **Alkaline**
 - 1.5 Volts per cell
 - Slope Discharge
 - Long Shelf Life
 - **Carbon-Zinc**
 - 1.5 Volts per cell
 - Low Power
-

T6A11

Which of the following battery types is not rechargeable?

- A. Nickel-cadmium
- B. Carbon-zinc
- C. Lead-acid
- D. Lithium-ion

More Battery Stuff

**Best Energy Usage Below .1C
Safety**

- Do NOT Short
- Do NOT Open
- Do NOT Spill
- Do NOT Over Charge
 - Hydrogen Gas
- High Current Danger

Storage

- Keep cool
- Recharge Periodically

Keep from Physical Damage

T0A01

Which of the following is a safety hazard of a 12-volt storage battery?

- A. Touching both terminals with the hands can cause electrical shock
- B. Shorting the terminals can cause burns, fire, or an explosion
- C. RF emissions from the battery
- D. All of these choices are correct

Alternator Whine

- **No You Don't Drink It**
 - **The Alternator Makes AC**
 - **Diodes Make it DC**
 - **The Faster it Turns the Higher the Frequency**
 - **Can Be Filtered out**
-

T4A10

What is the source of a high-pitched whine that varies with engine speed in a mobile transceiver's receive audio?

- A. The ignition system
- B. The alternator
- C. The electric fuel pump
- D. Anti-lock braking system controllers

Powering Radios

- **100W Radio = About 20 Amps**
 - **Most new radios are 12 volt**
 - **Power supply if at home**
 - $.02\Omega$ At 20 Amps = .4 Volts
 - $13.8 - .4 = 13.4$ Volts
 - Now Your Radio is at 13.4 Volts
 - Use Big Wire
 - Connect to the Battery
 - (Not on newer cars)
 - Positive Fuse it
 - Ground Fuse it (not recommended)
 - Cigarette Lighter is NOT IT!
-

T4A11

A is the answer for the test,

Where should the negative return connection of a mobile transceiver's power cable be connected?

- A. At the battery or engine block ground strap
- B. At the antenna mount
- C. To any metal part of the vehicle
- D. Through the transceiver's mounting bracket

T4A01

D is the answer for the test, A is the correct answer

What must be considered to determine the minimum current capacity needed for a transceiver power supply?

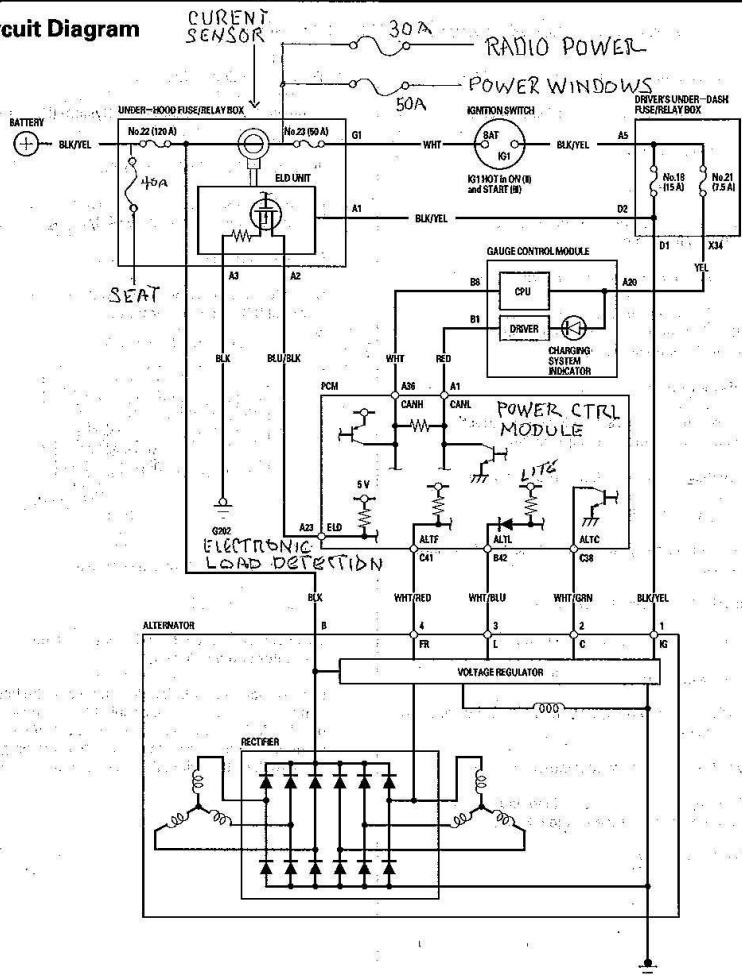
- A. Efficiency of the transmitter at full power output
- B. Receiver and control circuit power
- C. Power supply regulation and heat dissipation
- D. All of these choices are correct

T4A03

Why should wiring between the power source and radio be heavy-gauge wire and kept as short as possible?

- A. To avoid voltage falling below that needed for proper operation
- B. To provide a good counterpoise for the antenna
- C. To avoid RF interference
- D. All of these choices are correct

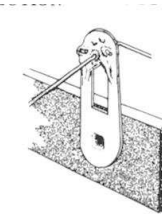
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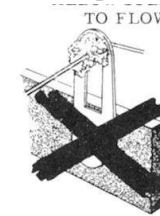
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Soldering



PROPER SOLDER CONNECTION



COLD SOLDER JOINT CONNECTION MOVED WHILE COOLING

- Heat the connection
- Apply solder to the connection
- Use 60/40 Lead/Tin solder
- Use Rosin NOT Acid Core
- Don't make "cold solder joint"

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T7D08

Which of the following types of solder is best for radio and electronic use?

- A. Acid-core solder
- B. Silver solder
- C. Rosin-core solder
- D. Aluminum solder

T7D09

What is the characteristic appearance of a cold solder joint?

- A. Dark black spots
- B. A bright or shiny surface
- C. A grainy or dull surface
- D. A greenish tint

Modulation

Adding information to radio signal

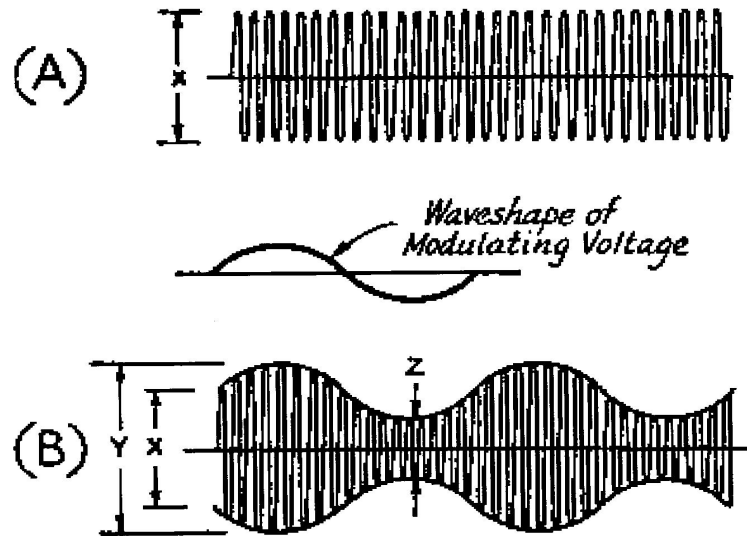
- CW – Turn Transmitter on and off
 - AM – Change Strength
 - SSB – One ½ of AM
 - FM – Change Frequency
 - FSK – Frequency shift keying
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T7A08 (C)

Which of the following describes combining speech with an RF carrier signal?

- A. Impedance matching
- B. Oscillation
- C. Modulation
- D. Low-pass filtering

AM



Single Sideband

Similar to AM

But only one sideband

With the Carrier Suppressed

Puts more power where it counts

Difficult to tune in

Sounds like Donald Duck

T8A01

Which of the following is a form of amplitude modulation?

- A. Spread spectrum
- B. Packet radio
- C. Single sideband
- D. Phase shift keying (PSK)

FM

Frequency Modulation

Phase Modulation

Uses a Reactance Modulator

Changes phase angle

Both produce FM

Over modulation

- Uses more bandwidth
 - Interferes with the next channel
 - Distorts receive signal
- Quick fix
 - Talk softer or away from the mic.

**Bandwidth = Deviation times the
Audio Frequency**

5kHz Dev X 3kHz Audio = 15kHz

T7B01

What can you do if you are told your FM handheld or mobile transceiver is over-deviating?

- A. Talk louder into the microphone
- B. Let the transceiver cool off
- C. Change to a higher power level
- D. Talk farther away from the microphone

T2B05

What might be the problem if a repeater user says your transmissions are breaking up on voice peaks?

- A. You have the incorrect offset
- B. You need to talk louder
- C. You are talking too loudly
- D. Your transmit power is too high

Test Equipment

- **S Meter on your radio**
 - Relative signal strength
 - Each model radio is different
 - 1 S unit about 6 dB or 4 times
 - 20 dB = 100 times

Multimeter

- Digital are more accurate
- Analog for tuning circuits
- Measures
 - Volts AC and DC
 - Voltmeter
 - Ohms
 - Ohm meter
 - Current Mostly DC Some AC
 - Amp meter
 - Some Measure Capacitance +
 - High input impedance
 - Less load on the circuit

T7D07

Which of the following measurements are commonly made using a multimeter?

- A. SWR and RF power
- B. Signal strength and noise
- C. Impedance and reactance
- D. Voltage and resistance

T6D04

Which of the following displays an electrical quantity as a numeric value?

- A. Potentiometer
- B. Transistor
- C. Meter
- D. Relay

Using Meters

- **Make sure you are on the correct scale**
 - Using the wrong scale “POOF”
 - Don’t measure Voltage on resistance scales
- **Measure voltage in parallel**
 - Check rating for high voltage
- **Measure current in series**
- **Measure resistance out of circuit or with power off**
- **Resistance of capacitor will increase with time**

T7D02

What is the correct way to connect a voltmeter to a circuit?

- A. In series with the circuit
- B. In parallel with the circuit
- C. In quadrature with the circuit
- D. In phase with the circuit

T7D03

How is a simple ammeter connected to a circuit?

- A. In series with the circuit
- B. In parallel with the circuit
- C. In quadrature with the circuit
- D. In phase with the circuit

T7D04

Which instrument is used to measure electric current?

- A. An ohmmeter
- B. A wavemeter
- C. A voltmeter
- D. An ammeter

T7D05

What instrument is used to measure resistance?

- A. An oscilloscope
- B. A spectrum analyzer
- C. A noise bridge
- D. An ohmmeter

T7D01

Which instrument would you use to measure electric potential or electromotive force?

- A. An ammeter
- B. A voltmeter
- C. A wavemeter
- D. An ohmmeter

T7D10

What is probably happening when an ohmmeter, connected across an unpowered circuit, initially indicates a low resistance and then shows increasing resistance with time?

- A. The ohmmeter is defective
- B. The circuit contains a large capacitor
- C. The circuit contains a large inductor
- D. The circuit is a relaxation oscillator

T7D11

Which of the following precautions should be taken when measuring circuit resistance with an ohmmeter?

- A. Ensure that the applied voltages are correct
- B. Ensure that the circuit is not powered
- C. Ensure that the circuit is grounded
- D. Ensure that the circuit is operating at the correct frequency

T7D12

Which of the following precautions should be taken when measuring high voltages with a voltmeter?

- A. Ensure that the voltmeter has very low impedance
- B. Ensure that the voltmeter and leads are rated for use at the voltages to be measured
- C. Ensure that the circuit is grounded through the voltmeter
- D. Ensure that the voltmeter is set to the correct frequency

T7D06

Which of the following might damage a multimeter?

- A. Measuring a voltage too small for the chosen scale
- B. Leaving the meter in the milliamps position overnight
- C. Attempting to measure voltage when using the resistance setting
- D. Not allowing it to warm up properly

Other Test Equipment

- **Antenna Analyzer**
 - Check SWR of an antenna
 - Tune an antenna
 - Check coax impedance
- **Directional Watt meter**
 - SWR (you need to calculate)
- **Dummy Load**
 - Tune or fix your radio and not radiate
 - 50 Ohm Resistor
- **Field Strength Meter**
 - Antenna Pattern
 - Monitor RF output

T7C12

What does a dummy load consist of?

- A. A high-gain amplifier and a TR switch
- B. A non-inductive resistor and a heat sink
- C. A low-voltage power supply and a DC relay
- D. A 50 ohm reactance used to terminate a transmission line

T7C01

What is the primary purpose of a dummy load?

- A. To prevent transmitting signals over the air when making tests
- B. To prevent over-modulation of a transmitter
- C. To improve the efficiency of an antenna
- D. To improve the signal-to-noise ratio of a receiver

T7C02

Which of the following instruments can be used to determine if an antenna is resonant at the desired operating frequency?

- A. A VTVM
- B. An antenna analyzer
- C. A Q meter
- D. A frequency counter

Integrated Circuits 1

- **Analog**
 - Voltage regulator
 - Operational amplifier
 - MMIC
 - Monolithic Microwave IC
- **Display – LED**
 - Light emitting diode
 - Forward bias
 - Low power
 - LCD Liquid crystal display
 - Light polarization method
 - Back Lit or Reflected
- **Microcontroller - Microprocessor**
 - Programmable

T6B07

What does the abbreviation LED stand for?

- A. Low Emission Diode
- B. Light Emitting Diode
- C. Liquid Emission Detector
- D. Long Echo Delay

T6D07

Which of the following is commonly used as a visual indicator?

- A. LED
- B. FET
- C. Zener diode
- D. Bipolar transistor

T6D09

What is the name of a device that combines several semiconductors and other components into one package?

- A. Transducer
- B. Multi-pole relay
- C. Integrated circuit
- D. Transformer

Switches & Relays

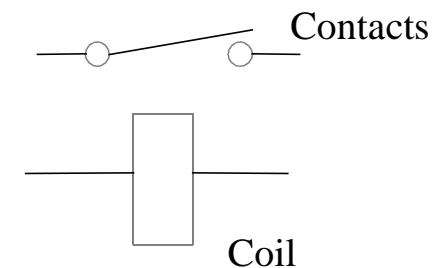
- **Switches**



DPST

DPDT

Relay



T6D02

What is a relay?

- A. An electrically-controlled switch
- B. A current controlled amplifier
- C. An optical sensor
- D. A pass transistor

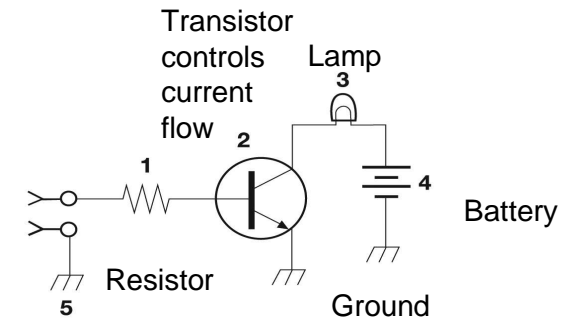


Figure T-1

T6C01

What is the name of an electrical wiring diagram that uses standard component symbols?

- A. Bill of materials
- B. Connector pinout
- C. Schematic
- D. Flow chart

T6C02

What is component 1 in figure T1?

- A. Resistor
- B. Transistor
- C. Battery
- D. Connector

T6C03

What is component 2 in figure T1?

- A. Resistor
- B. Transistor
- C. Indicator lamp
- D. Connector

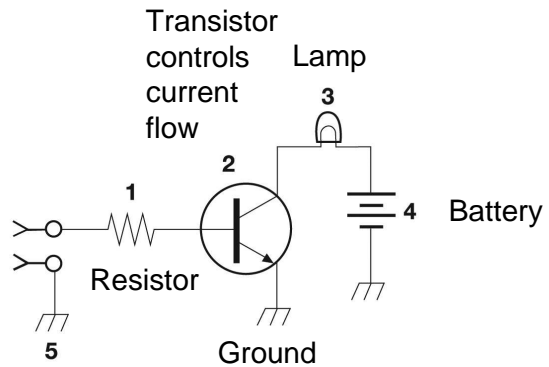


Figure T-1

T6C04

What is component 3 in figure T1?

- A. Resistor
- B. Transistor
- C. Lamp
- D. Ground symbol

T6C05

What is component 4 in figure T1?

- A. Resistor
- B. Transistor
- C. Battery
- D. Ground symbol

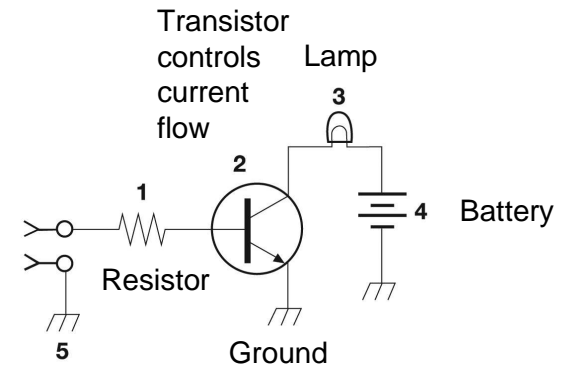


Figure T-1

T6D10

What is the function of component 2 in Figure T1?

- A. Give off light when current flows through it
- B. Supply electrical energy
- C. Control the flow of current
- D. Convert electrical energy into radio waves

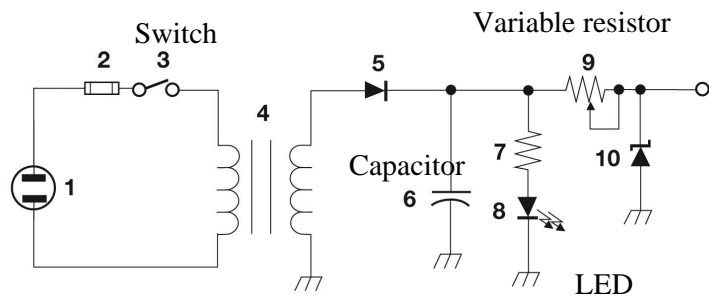


Figure T-2

T6C06

What is component 6 in figure T2?

- A. Resistor
- B. Capacitor
- C. Regulator IC
- D. Transistor

T6C07

What is component 8 in figure T2?

- A. Resistor
- B. Inductor
- C. Regulator IC
- D. Light emitting diode

T6C08

What is component 9 in figure T2?

- A. Variable capacitor
- B. Variable inductor
- C. Variable resistor
- D. Variable transformer

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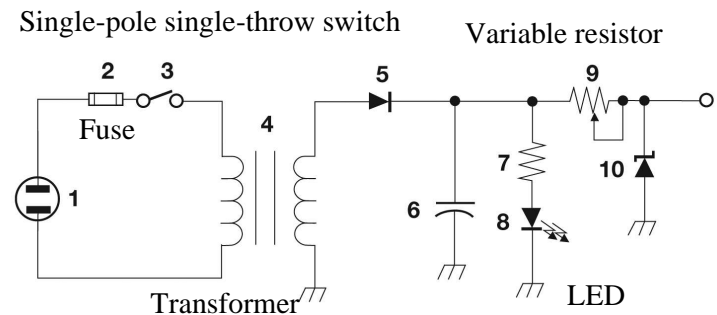


Figure T-2

T6C09

What is component 4 in figure T2?

- A. Variable inductor
- B. Double-pole switch
- C. Potentiometer
- D. Transformer

T6D03

What type of switch is represented by component 3 in figure T2?

- A. Single-pole single-throw
- B. Single-pole double-throw
- C. Double-pole single-throw
- D. Double-pole double-throw

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T6A08

What electrical component is used to connect or disconnect electrical circuits?

- A. Magnetron
- B. Switch
- C. Thermistor
- D. All of these choices are correct

T6A09

What electrical component is used to protect other circuit components from current overloads?

- A. Fuse
- B. Capacitor
- C. Inductor
- D. All of these choices are correct

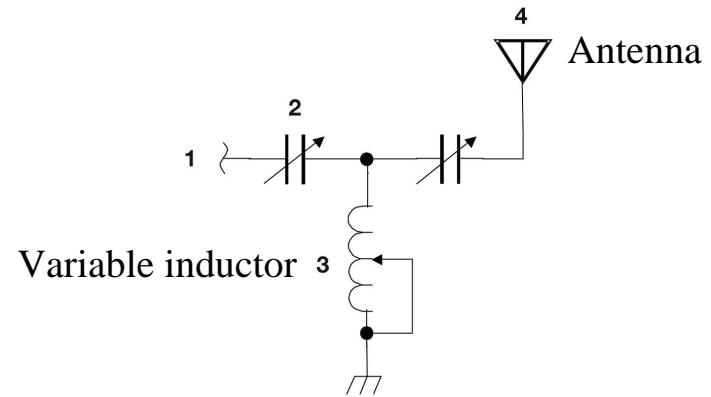


Figure T-3

T6C10

What is component 3 in figure T3?

- A. Connector
- B. Meter
- C. Variable capacitor
- D. Variable inductor

T6C11

What is component 4 in figure T3?

- A. Antenna
- B. Transmitter
- C. Dummy load
- D. Ground

T6C12

What do the symbols on an electrical schematic represent?

- A. Electrical components
- B. Logic states
- C. Digital codes
- D. Traffic nodes

T6C13

Which of the following is accurately represented in electrical schematics?

- A. Wire lengths
- B. Physical appearance of components
- C. The way components are interconnected
- D. All of these choices are correct

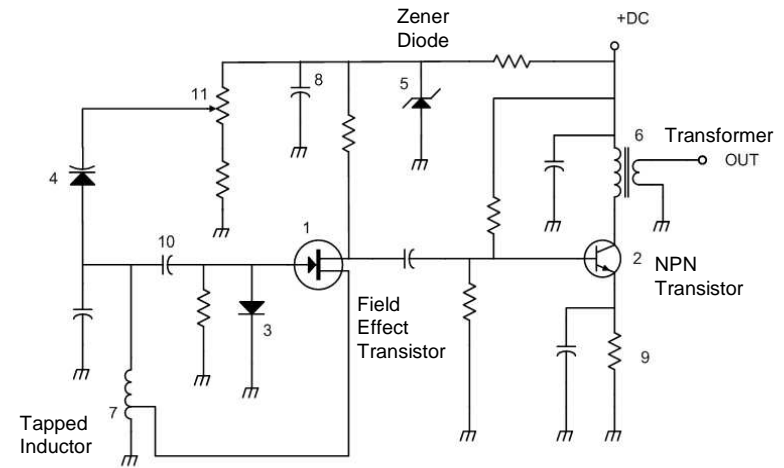


Figure G7-1

THE FIVE PRINCIPALS

- 1.** Public service - emergency comm.
 - 2.** Advance the radio art
 - 3.** Improve communication & technical skills
 - 4.** Expand pool of trained operators, technicians & electronics experts
 - 5.** International goodwill
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T1A01 [97.1]

Which of the following is a purpose of the Amateur Radio Service as stated in the FCC rules and regulations?

- A. Providing personal radio communications for as many citizens as possible
- B. Providing communications for international non-profit organizations
- C. Advancing skills in the technical and communication phases of the radio art
- D. All of these choices are correct

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- No age requirement**
- Anyone except a representative of a foreign government**
- Fill out form 610 & pay the \$**
- PASS THE TEST!**
- FCC may inspect at any time**
- Keep your address current**
 - If the FCC can't send you mail you could loose your license**
- Don't lose the original**

T1C07 [97.23]

What may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide and maintain a correct mailing address with the FCC?

- A. Fine or imprisonment
- B. Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license
- C. Require the licensee to be re-examined
- D. A reduction of one rank in operator class

T1F01 [97.103(c)]

When must the station licensee make the station and its records available for FCC inspection?

- A. At any time ten days after notification by the FCC of such an inspection
- B. At any time upon request by an FCC representative
- C. Only after failing to comply with an FCC notice of violation
- D. Only when presented with a valid warrant by an FCC official or government agent

THE TEST

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER (VE)

Ham operators that administer the ham test "for free"

Test Elements

- 2 Tech
- 3 General
- 4 Extra

Certificate of Completion for elements passed are good for 1 year

•To give a tech exam

- 3 VEs Present
- 18 Years old or older
- Hold General or higher
- Accredited by a VEC

T1C01 [97.9(a), 97.17(a)]

For which license classes are new licenses currently available from the FCC?

- A. Novice, Technician, General, Advanced
- B. Technician, Technician Plus, General, Advanced
- C. Novice, Technician Plus, General, Advanced
- D. Technician, General, Amateur Extra

Credit for Expired License

**General Class or Higher
Must Pass Element 2**

HAM LICENSE

Operators license

License class - determines privileges

One license per person

Authorization to operate

In FCC database

Station license

Call sign

Address of primary station

Written authorization for station

Must be in the FCC database

May operate any number of transmitters

Responsible for operation

Post or carry A COPY

Required to operate on HAM bands

T1A04 [97.5(b)(1)]

How many operator/primary station license grants may be held by any one person?

- A. One
- B. No more than two
- C. One for each band on which the person plans to operate
- D. One for each permanent station location from which the person plans to operate

T1E04 [97.103(b)]

What determines the transmitting privileges of an amateur station?

- A. The frequency authorized by the frequency coordinator
- B. The frequencies printed on the license grant
- C. The highest class of operator license held by anyone on the premises
- D. The class of operator license held by the control Operator

T1C10 [97.5a]

How soon after passing the examination for your first amateur radio license may you operate a transmitter on an Amateur Radio Service frequency?

- A. Immediately
- B. 30 days after the test date
- C. As soon as your operator/station license grant appears in the FCC's license database
- D. You must wait until you receive your license in the mail from the FCC

T1A05 [97.7]

What is proof of possession of an FCC-issued operator/primary license grant?

- A. A printed operator/primary station license issued by the FCC must be displayed at the transmitter site
- B. The control operator must have an operator/primary station license in his or her possession when in control of a transmitter
- C. The control operator's operator/primary station license must appear in the FCC ULS consolidated licensee database
- D. All of these choices are correct

LICENSE TERM

10 YEARS

**Renew 60 - 90 days before it expires!
2 year grace period - NO Transmit
Renew with 610 form**

T1C09 [97.21(a)(b)]

What is the grace period following the expiration of an amateur license within which the license may be renewed?

- A. Two years
- B. Three years
- C. Five years
- D. Ten years

T1C08 [97.25]

What is the normal term for an FCC-issued primary station/operator amateur radio license grant?

- A. Five years
- B. Life
- C. Ten years
- D. Twenty years

T1C11 [97.21(b)]

If your license has expired and is still within the allowable grace period, may you continue to operate a transmitter on Amateur Radio Service frequencies?

- A. No, transmitting is not allowed until the FCC license database shows that the license has been renewed
- B. Yes, but only if you identify using the suffix GP
- C. Yes, but only during authorized nets
- D. Yes, for up to two years

CALL SIGNS

US Calls Start with **A, K, N, or **W**
Assigned Sequentially**

Group **A - Extra**

1 by 2 (K6TS**) 2 by 1 (**AD6X**) 2 by 2 (**AB6CR**)**

Group **B - Advanced**

2 by 2 (KN6FW**)**

Group **C - General/Tech**

1 by 3 (N6FQQ**)**

Group **D - NOVICE**

2 by 3 (KD6TOJ**)**

Special Event

1 by 1

(N6A**)**

Vanity Call

K6FOX

Club Call

4 Members

T1C02 [97.19]

Who may select a desired call sign under the vanity call sign rules?

- A. Only a licensed amateur with a General or Amateur Extra class license
- B. Only a licensed amateur with an Amateur Extra class license
- C. Only a licensed amateur who has been licensed continuously for more than 10 years
- D. Any licensed amateur

T1C05

Which of the following is a valid call sign for a Technician class amateur radio station?

- A. K1XXX
- B. KA1X
- C. W1XX
- D. All of these choices are correct

T1F06 [97.119(c)]

Which of the following formats of a self-assigned indicator is acceptable when identifying using a phone transmission?

- A. KL7CC stroke W3
- B. KL7CC slant W3
- C. KL7CC slash W3
- D. All of these choices are correct

T1F11 [97.5(b)(2)]

Which of the following is a requirement for the issuance of a club station license grant?

- A. The trustee must have an Amateur Extra class operator license grant
- B. The club must have at least four members
- C. The club must be registered with the American Radio Relay League
- D. All of these choices are correct

CONTROL OPERATOR

- **Must have ham license**
- **Responsible for station**
- **May operate multiple transmitters**
- **Only allowed privileges of control operator**
- **Control operator may be chosen by station licensee**
- **You do not have to keep records of the chosen control operator**

CONTROL POINT

- **Location where the control operator function is performed**
- **Local, Remote or Automatic**

T1E01 [97.7(a)]

When is an amateur station permitted to transmit without a control operator?

- A. When using automatic control, such as in the case of a repeater
- B. When the station licensee is away and another licensed amateur is using the station
- C. When the transmitting station is an auxiliary station
- D. Never

T1E03 [97.103(b)]

Who must designate the station control operator?

- A. The station licensee
- B. The FCC
- C. The frequency coordinator
- D. The ITU

T1E06 [97.301]

When, under normal circumstances, may a Technician class licensee be the control operator of a station operating in an exclusive Amateur Extra class operator segment of the amateur bands?

- A. At no time
- B. When operating a special event station
- C. As part of a multi-operator contest team
- D. When using a club station whose trustee is an Amateur Extra class operator licensee

T1E05 [97.3(a)(14)]

What is an amateur station control point?

- A. The location of the station's transmitting antenna
- B. The location of the station transmitting apparatus
- C. The location at which the control operator function is performed
- D. The mailing address of the station licensee

T1E07 [97.103(a)]

When the control operator is not the station licensee, who is responsible for the proper operation of the station?

- A. All licensed amateurs who are present at the operation
- B. Only the station licensee
- C. Only the control operator
- D. The control operator and the station licensee are equally responsible

T1E09 [97.109(c)]

Which of the following is true of remote control operation?

- A. The control operator must be at the control point
- B. A control operator is required at all times
- C. The control operator indirectly manipulates the controls
- D. All of these choices are correct

T1E10 [97.3(a)(39)]

Which of the following is an example of remote control as defined in Part 97?

- A. Repeater operation
- B. Operating the station over the internet
- C. Controlling a model aircraft, boat, or car by amateur radio
- D. All of these choices are correct

T1E11 [97.103(a)]

Who does the FCC presume to be the control operator of an amateur station, unless documentation to the contrary is in the station records?

- A. The station custodian
- B. The third-party participant
- C. The person operating the station equipment
- D. The station licensee

STATION OPERATION

- Any location controlled by the FCC
- Vessel or craft located in international waters and documented or registered in the United States
- Canada has a reciprocal agreement with the USA
- No reciprocal agreement with Europe?
- May communicate only with HAM stations or stations the FCC authorize
 - Armed Forces Day
- Commercial aircraft *
- Cruise Ship* *with restrictions
- May communicate with foreign countries only if allowed by the country & the USA

T1C06 [97.5(a)(2)]

From which of the following locations may an FCC-licensed amateur station transmit?

- A. From within any country that belongs to the International Telecommunications Union
- B. From within any country that is a member of the United Nations
- C. From anywhere within International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Regions 2 and 3
- D. From any vessel or craft located in international waters and documented or registered in the United States

Foreign Country

- **Amateur & personal remarks**
 - **Operation in a foreign country is allowed when authorized by the foreign country**
 - **No communication with foreign countries that have notified the ITU**
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T1C03 [97.117]

What types of international communications is an FCC-licensed amateur radio station permitted to make?

- A. Communications incidental to the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service and remarks of a personal character
- B. Communications incidental to conducting business or remarks of a personal nature
- C. Only communications incidental to contest exchanges, all other communications are prohibited
- D. Any communications that would be permitted by an international broadcast station

T1C04 [97.107]

When are you allowed to operate your amateur station in a foreign country?

- A. When the foreign country authorizes it
- B. When there is a mutual agreement allowing third party communications
- C. When authorization permits amateur communications in a foreign language
- D. When you are communicating with non-licensed individuals in another country

STATION ID

- **ID not required at the start**
- **ID every 10 min. & at the end**
- **ID with your call sign**
- **ID with Voice must be in English**
(Communication may be in a different language)
- **Use standard phonetics**
 - Don't use cute words
- **CW may always be used**
- **Repeaters 20 WPM max**
- **Upgrade with /AG or Authorized General**
- **No ID required for control of models, BUT Call sign, Name, & Address must be on the transmitter and 1 Watt max.**
- **ID with your call once per hour when using a special event call sign**
- **ID with your call followed by the call sign of the station you are using**
- **ID may contain Self-assigned indicator**
 - May not confuse call sign

T1D11 [97.119(a)]

When may an amateur station transmit without on-the-air identification?

- A. When the transmissions are of a brief nature to make station adjustments
- B. When the transmissions are unmodulated
- C. When the transmitted power level is below 1 watt
- D. When transmitting signals to control model craft

T1F03 [97.119(a)]

When is an amateur station required to transmit its assigned call sign?

- A. At the beginning of each contact, and every 10 minutes thereafter
- B. At least once during each transmission
- C. At least every 15 minutes during and at the end of a communication
- D. At least every 10 minutes during and at the end of a communication

T1F04 [97.119(b)(2)]

Which of the following is an acceptable language to use for station identification when operating in a phone sub-band?

- A. Any language recognized by the United Nations
- B. Any language recognized by the ITU
- C. The English language
- D. English, French, or Spanish

T1F05 [97.119(b)(2)]

What method of call sign identification is required for a station transmitting phone signals?

- A. Send the call sign followed by the indicator RPT
- B. Send the call sign using a CW or phone emission
- C. Send the call sign followed by the indicator R
- D. Send the call sign using only a phone emission

T2A06

Which of the following is required when making on-the-air test transmissions?

- A. Identify the transmitting station
- B. Conduct tests only between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. local time
- C. Notify the FCC of the transmissions
- D. All of these choices are correct

POWER

- **TECH + max power on HF 200w**
- **Peak envelope power (pep) 1500w max**
- **Beacon for propagation 100w**
- **Model control 1w**
- **Use only minimum power needed**
- **Measured at the transmitter output**

FCC RULES PART 97

Station Operation Standards
Technical Standards
Emergency Communications

NOT

Construction Standards

- **Good engineering practice**
- **Good amateur practice**
- **CSCE Good for 365 Days**
- **Identify with your call**
 - In English or CW
- **With CSCE for General**
 - Call + "temporary AG"
 - May Use General privileges

T2C01 [97.103(a)]

When do the FCC rules NOT apply to the operation of an amateur station?

- A. When operating a RACES station
- B. When operating under special FEMA rules
- C. When operating under special ARES rules
- D. Never, FCC rules always apply

T1A02 [97.1]

Which agency regulates and enforces the rules for the Amateur Radio Service in the United States?

- A. FEMA
- B. Homeland Security
- C. The FCC
- D. All of these choices are correct

The FCC Rule Book

“SHALL NOT”

* Except

Be paid for communication *
Profit from communication *
Retransmit signals *
Communicate with other services *
Broadcast or Play music*
Use code or ciphers*
One Way Transmissions*
Transmit False or Deceptive signals
Cause harmful interference
TX unidentified communication
Use obscene, indecent or profane language
No list, use judgment

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T1D03 [97.211(b), 97.215(b), 97.114(a)(4)]

When is it permissible to transmit messages encoded to hide their meaning?

- A. Only during contests
- B. Only when operating mobile
- C. Only when transmitting control commands to space stations or radio control craft
- D. Only when frequencies above 1280 MHz are used

T1D04 [97.113(a)(4), 97.113(c)]

Under what conditions is an amateur station authorized to transmit music using a phone emission?

- A. When incidental to an authorized retransmission of manned spacecraft communications
- B. When the music produces no spurious emissions
- C. When the purpose is to interfere with an illegal transmission
- D. When the music is transmitted above 1280 MHz

T1D05 [97.113(a)(3)(ii)]

When may amateur radio operators use their stations to notify other amateurs of the availability of equipment for sale or trade?

- A. When the equipment is normally used in an amateur station and such activity is not conducted on a regular basis
- B. When the asking price is \$100.00 or less
- C. When the asking price is less than its appraised value
- D. When the equipment is not the personal property of either the station licensee or the control operator or their close relatives

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T1D06 [97.113(a)(4)]

What, if any, are the restrictions concerning transmission of language that may be considered indecent or obscene?

- A. The FCC maintains a list of words that are not permitted to be used on amateur frequencies
- B. Any such language is prohibited
- C. The ITU maintains a list of words that are not permitted to be used on amateur frequencies
- D. There is no such prohibition

T1D08 [97.113(a)(3)(iii)]

In which of the following circumstances may the control operator of an amateur station receive compensation for operating that station?

- A. When the communication is related to the sale of amateur equipment by the control operator's employer
- B. When the communication is incidental to classroom instruction at an educational institution
- C. When the communication is made to obtain emergency information for a local broadcast station
- D. All of these choices are correct

T1D10 [97.3(a)(10)]

What is the meaning of the term broadcasting in the FCC rules for the Amateur Radio Service?

- A. Two-way transmissions by amateur stations
- B. Transmission of music
- C. Transmission of messages directed only to amateur operators
- D. Transmissions intended for reception by the general public

T1D09 [97.113(5)(b)]

Under which of the following circumstances are amateur stations authorized to transmit signals related to broadcasting, program production, or news gathering, assuming no other means is available?

- A. Only where such communications directly relate to the immediate safety of human life or protection of property
- B. Only when broadcasting communications to or from the space shuttle
- C. Only where noncommercial programming is gathered and supplied exclusively to the National Public Radio network
- D. Only when using amateur repeaters linked to the internet

T1D02 [97.113(b),97.111(b)]

Under which of the following circumstances may an amateur radio station make one-way transmissions?

- A. Under no circumstances
- B. When transmitting code practice, information bulletins, or transmissions necessary to provide emergency communications
- C. At any time, as long as no music is transmitted
- D. At any time, as long as the material being transmitted did not originate from a commercial broadcast station

T1A11 [97.101 (d)]

When is willful interference to other amateur radio stations permitted?

- A. To stop another amateur station which is breaking the FCC rules
- B. At no time
- C. When making short test transmissions
- D. At any time, stations in the Amateur Radio Service are not protected from willful interference

FCC - REGULATION

Inspect your station a any time

Keep transmitters secure

Key switch in the shack

Remove mic in the car

Interference

If you are the cause, get off the air at certain times until you fix your transmitter

Keep your mailing address current

FCC Gettysburg, PA

On the Web

Observe antenna height limits

200 ft

FAA

WIFE - Neighbors

Secondary User

Hams get to use the frequency if they don't interfere with the Primary user

Big deal on 440 MHz

T1B08 [97.303]

Which of the following is a result of the fact that the Amateur Radio Service is secondary in all or portions of some amateur bands (such as portions of the 70 cm band)?

- A. U.S. amateurs may find non-amateur stations in those portions, and must avoid interfering with them
- B. U.S. amateurs must give foreign amateur stations priority in those portions
- C. International communications are not permitted in those portions
- D. Digital transmissions are not permitted in those portions

International Telecommunications Union

An agency of the United Nations

US is in ITU Region 2

Management of frequency allocations

Countries may Notify the ITU that They Don't want HAMS to Talk

T1B01

What is the International Telecommunications Union(ITU)?

- A. An agency of the United States Department of Telecommunications Management
- B. A United Nations agency for information and communication technology issues
- C. An independent frequency coordination agency
- D. A department of the FCC

T1D01 [97.111(a)(1)]

With which countries are FCC-licensed amateur radio stations prohibited from exchanging communications?

- A. Any country whose administration has notified the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) that it objects to such communications
- B. Any country whose administration has notified the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) that it objects to such communications
- C. Any country engaged in hostilities with another country
- D. Any country in violation of the War Powers Act of 1934

Emergency Traffic RACES and ARES

ARES

- (Amateur Radio Emergency Service)
- ARRL
- Voluntarily Registration
- Message Handling
- Red Cross
- Food and Shelter

T2C12

What is the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)?

- A. Licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service
- B. Licensed amateurs who are members of the military and who voluntarily agreed to provide message handling services in the case of an emergency
- C. A training program that provides licensing courses for those interested in obtaining an amateur license to use during emergencies
- D. A training program that certifies amateur operators for membership in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

RACES

- (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency service)
- Training required
- Police and Fire
- Local coordinator
- Drills
- Allowed 1 hour per week
- Must ID with drill or test message
- Use Tactical call signs
 - Must Standard ID

T2C04

What do RACES and ARES have in common?

- A. They represent the two largest ham clubs in the United States
- B. Both organizations broadcast road and weather information
- C. Neither may handle emergency traffic supporting public service agencies
- D. Both organizations may provide communications during emergencies

T1F02 [97.119 (a)]

When using tactical identifiers such as “Race Headquarters” during a community service net operation, how often must your station transmit the station’s FCC-assigned call sign?

- A. Never, the tactical call is sufficient
- B. Once during every hour
- C. At the end of each communication and every ten minutes during a communication
- D. At the end of every transmission

T1A10 [97.3(a)(38), 97.407]

Which of the following describes the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)?

- A. A radio service using amateur frequencies for emergency management or civil defense communications
- B. A radio service using amateur stations for emergency management or civil defense communications
- C. An emergency service using amateur operators certified by a civil defense organization as being enrolled in that organization
- D. All of these choices are correct

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NET / TRAFFIC

Net Control Station (NCS)

- Controls Communication
- Call when you have traffic
- Call with Priority or Emergency
- Respond when called

Traffic

- Formal Messages
 - Preamble – Tracking info
 - Check – Word Count
- Send as Received

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T2C02

What is meant by the term "NCS" used in net operation?

- A. Nominal Control System
- B. Net Control Station
- C. National Communications Standard
- D. Normal Communications Syntax

T2C06

Which of the following is an accepted practice to get the immediate attention of a net control station when reporting an emergency?

- A. Repeat "SOS" three times followed by the call sign of the reporting station
- B. Press the push-to-talk button three times
- C. Begin your transmission by saying "Priority" or "Emergency" followed by your call sign
- D. Play a pre-recorded emergency alert tone followed by your call sign

T2C07

Which of the following is an accepted practice for an amateur operator who has checked into a net?

- A. Provided that the frequency is quiet, announce the station call sign and location every 5 minutes
- B. Move 5 kHz away from the net's frequency and use high power to ask other hams to keep clear of the net frequency
- C. Remain on frequency without transmitting until asked to do so by the net control station
- D. All of these choices are correct

T2C05

What does the term "traffic" refer to in net operation?

- A. Formal messages exchanged by net stations
- B. The number of stations checking in and out of a net
- C. Operation by mobile or portable stations
- D. Requests to activate the net by a served agency

T2C08

Which of the following is a characteristic of good traffic handling?

- A. Passing messages exactly as received
- B. Making decisions as to whether messages are worthy of relay or delivery
- C. Ensuring that any newsworthy messages are relayed to the news media
- D. All of these choices are correct

T2C10

What information is contained in the preamble of a formal traffic message?

- A. The email address of the originating station
- B. The address of the intended recipient
- C. The telephone number of the addressee
- D. The information needed to track the message

T2C11

What is meant by the term “check,” in reference to a formal traffic message?

- A. The number of words or word equivalents in the text portion of the message
- B. The value of a money order attached to the message
- C. A list of stations that have relayed the message
- D. A box on the message form that indicates that the message was received and/or relayed

Emergencies

Handle the Emergency

Any Way You Can

Life or Property Loss

Any Frequency

Any Mode of Communication

Get Location and Nature

Use Phonetic Alphabet

B,D,V Sound similar

Brovo Delta Victor

FCC May Restrict Operations

**President's War Emergency
Powers**

T2C03

What should be done when using voice modes to ensure that voice messages containing unusual words are received correctly?

- A. Send the words by voice and Morse code
- B. Speak very loudly into the microphone
- C. Spell the words using a standard phonetic alphabet
- D. All of these choices are correct

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EMERGENCY COMM

- **Has top priority**
 - Can use any frequency
- **Message types**
 - Emergency - safety of human life
 - Start with Priority or Emergency
 - Health & welfare - person's well-being
 - SOS for CW
 - Mayday for phone
 - Break and your call on a repeater
- **FCC can declare emergency comm**
 - Special conditions and rules
- **Be prepared**
 - Working HT
 - Programmed to the local repeater
 - Extra charged battery
 - AA cell battery case
 - Dipole for HF
 - Hand tools
 - Food & water

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Emergency Comm operation

- **May use any Frequency**
- **Keep Personal Data Secure**
- **Keep Comm to a Minimum**
 - About 25 words
- **Tactical Call Sign**
- **Use Standard Message Format**
 - Name of Originator
 - Tracking Info
 - Message Tracking (Preamble)
 - Word Count (Check)
 - Use phonetics to spell words
- **Alternate Power Source**
 - Battery
 - Generator
 - Car Battery
 - Solar Panels (Sun Required)

Emergencies

Use Any Frequency

Provide All Help You Can

T2C09

Are amateur station control operators ever permitted to operate outside the frequency privileges of their license class?

- A. No
- B. Yes, but only when part of a FEMA emergency plan
- C. Yes, but only when part of a RACES emergency plan
- D. Yes, but only if necessary in situations involving the immediate safety of human life or protection of property

T1A03 [97.119(b)(2)]

What are the FCC rules regarding the use of a phonetic alphabet for station identification in the Amateur Radio Service?

- A. It is required when transmitting emergency messages
- B. It is prohibited
- C. It is required when in contact with foreign stations
- D. It is encouraged

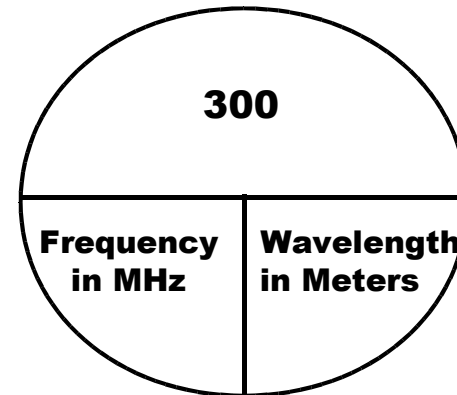
Antennas

The Perfect Antenna

Works On All Frequencies
Matches the TX Perfectly 50 Ω
Receives Very Weak Signals
Put RF Energy Where You Want It
Give You 30 dB Gain or More
Has the Perfect Ground System
Does Not Radiate Any Harmonics
Does Not Show On Your Roof
Does Not Cost Anything

And Now for Reality

ANTENNA LENGTH



Frequency x Wavelength =
300,000,000 meters per second
(Speed of Light)

T3B04 (A)

How fast does a radio wave travel through free space?

- A. At the speed of light
- B. At the speed of sound
- C. Its speed is inversely proportional to its wavelength
- D. Its speed increases as the frequency increases

T3B05

How does the wavelength of a radio wave relate to its frequency?

- A. The wavelength gets longer as the frequency increases
- B. The wavelength gets shorter as the frequency increases
- C. There is no relationship between wavelength and frequency
- D. The wavelength depends on the bandwidth of the signal

T3B06

What is the formula for converting frequency to approximate wavelength in meters?

- A. Wavelength in meters equals frequency in hertz multiplied by 300
- B. Wavelength in meters equals frequency in hertz divided by 300
- C. Wavelength in meters equals frequency in megahertz divided by 300
- D. Wavelength in meters equals 300 divided by frequency in megahertz

T3B07

What property of radio waves is often used to identify the different frequency bands?

- A. The approximate wavelength
- B. The magnetic intensity of waves
- C. The time it takes for waves to travel one mile
- D. The voltage standing wave ratio of waves

T3B11

What is the approximate velocity of a radio wave as it travels through free space?

- A. 150,000 kilometers per second
- B. 300,000,000 meters per second
- C. 300,000,000 miles per hour
- D. 150,000 miles per hour

Wavelength = 300,000,000 / Frequency

300,000,000 / 146,000,000 = 2.05 Meters

½ Wave = 1.02 Meters

39.4 in per meter = 40 in

If 36 in per meter = 36.7 in (This fudge factor works)

¼ Wave = 18.4

T9A08

What is the approximate length, in inches, of a quarter-wavelength vertical antenna for 146 MHz?

- A. 112
- B. 50
- C. 19
- D. 12

T9A09

What is the approximate length, in inches, of a half-wavelength 6 meter dipole antenna?

- A. 6
- B. 50
- C. 112
- D. 236

VHF-UHF Antennas

1/4 wave antenna for 146 MHz is 19"

5/8 wave

- “Gain”
- Lower Radiation angle
- Omni-directional

J Pole

T9A12

What is an advantage of using a properly mounted 5/8 wavelength antenna for VHF or UHF mobile service?

- A. It has a lower radiation angle and more gain than a 1/4 wavelength antenna
- B. It has very high angle radiation for better communicating through a repeater
- C. It eliminates distortion caused by reflected signals
- D. It has 10 times the power gain of a 1/4 wavelength design

The Dipole

Simple Antenna

Half Wavelength Long

Horizontally Polarized

Height Above Ground Changes

Feed-point impedance

Decreases as the antenna
approaches the ground

Increases as the feed-point
is widened

.1 λ NVIS antenna

High Vertical Angle

Short Range HF Daytime

.5 λ Dipole

Low Angle Radiation

Good for 40 meter Skip

Directional

“Figure-Eight”

Lobes at 90 Degrees

Easy to install

Reference Antenna

Which of the following describes a simple dipole oriented parallel to the Earth's surface?

- ## T9A10

A. Equally in all directions
B. Off the ends of the antenna
C. Broadside to the antenna
D. In the direction of the feed line

How would you change a dipole antenna to make it resonant on a higher frequency?

- # NVIS Antenna
- ## Near Vertical Incidence Skywave



HF Antennas

Horizontal

Dipole

Lower Ground Reflection Losses
Below $\frac{1}{2}$ wavelength omnidirectional

Vertical

Mounts in a Small Space

Requires a Ground
Radials on the Ground
Or Buried a few inches

Multiband

Works very well on harmonics
Traps in elements (tuned circuits)

HF Antenna Safety

**Long Wire Antennas may allow
RF in the Shack**

**Ground mounted Antennas
Need to be protected from
People**

**Working on antenna
Tx Should be OFF**

Ground Plane Antenna

Very Simple Antenna

Easy to Make

Female PL 259

Coat Hanger

Sloping Radials Downward

Increase Impedance to 50 Ω

Beverage Antenna

Receiving Antenna

High Losses TX

Long Wire Type

Highly Directional

That's Harold Beverage

Not BUDweiser Beverage

GAIN / BEAM ANTENNAS

- **Gain antennas**

- Compress power in one direction
- Lower the angle of radiation
- Can Null Out Interfering Stations

- **Cross polarized antennas**

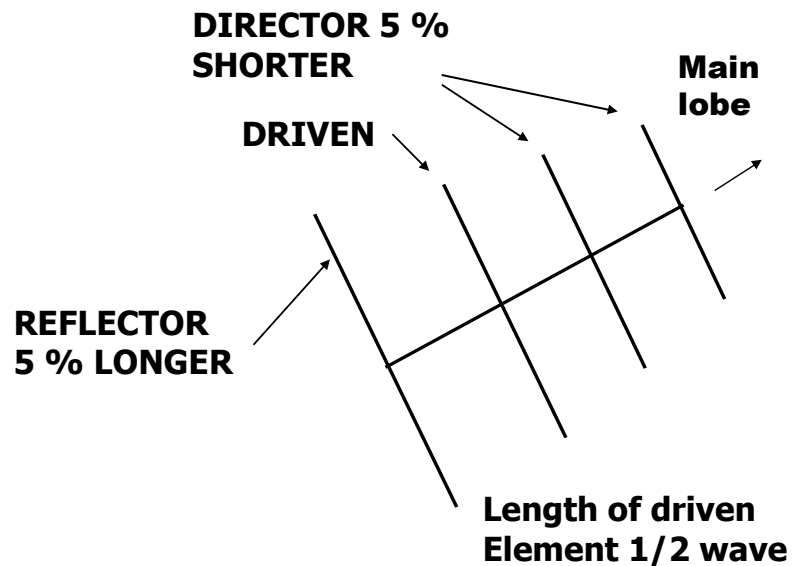
- **About 30 dB loss**
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T3A04

What can happen if the antennas at opposite ends of a VHF or UHF line of sight radio link are not using the same polarization?

- A. The modulation sidebands might become inverted
- B. Signals could be significantly weaker
- C. Signals have an echo effect on voices
- D. Nothing significant will happen

YAGI ANTENNA



Yagi

- Reflector (back end - longer)
- Driven element (next to reflector - 1/2 wavelength)
- Director(s) (front - shorter)
- Gain determined by
 - Boom length
 - Number of directors (elements)
- Bandwidth
 - Larger element diameters
- Can be made for multibands (Traps)
 - One feed line
 - Bad for harmonics
- Front to Back Ratio
 - Design for low response to the rear
 - Position of Elements
- 3 Element Yagi Has a Gain of About 6 dB or 9 dBi
- A Dipole Has 2.15 dBi “Gain”

T9A01

What is a beam antenna?

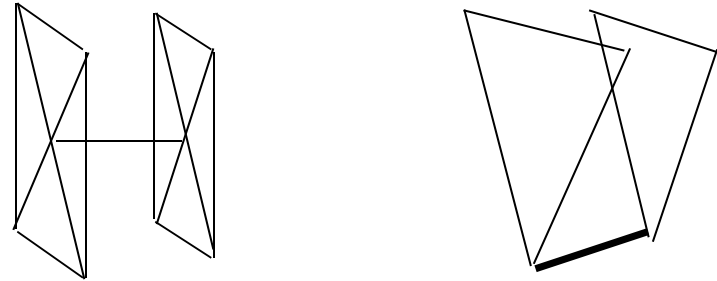
- A. An antenna built from aluminum I-beams
- B. An omnidirectional antenna invented by Clarence Beam
- C. An antenna that concentrates signals in one direction
- D. An antenna that reverses the phase of received signals

T9A11

What is the gain of an antenna?

- A. The additional power that is added to the transmitter power
- B. The additional power that is lost in the antenna when transmitting on a higher frequency
- C. The increase in signal strength in a specified direction compared to a reference antenna
- D. The increase in impedance on receive or transmit compared to a reference antenna

QUAD - DELTA



1 Wavelength Around the Loop

For the driven element

5% larger for reflector

2 Element Quad Gain about Equal a 3 Element Yagi

Feed-point – Polarization

Bottom Center Horizontal

Side Center Vertical

T9A06

What type of antennas are the quad, Yagi, and dish?

- A. Non-resonant antennas
- B. Log periodic antennas
- C. Directional antennas
- D. Isotropic antennas

LOADED ANTENNAS

Make them seem longer

Capacitance hat

Coil of wire in the antenna

Usually at the Base

Makes the antenna “longer”

Rubber duck

HF antennas

Not as good as full length

Reduces bandwidth

T9A02

Which of the following describes a type of antenna loading?

- A. Inserting an inductor in the radiating portion of the antenna to make it electrically longer
- B. Inserting a resistor in the radiating portion of the antenna to make it resonant
- C. Installing a spring in the base of a mobile vertical antenna to make it more flexible
- D. Strengthening the radiating elements of a beam antenna to better resist wind damage

T9A04

What is a disadvantage of the “rubber duck” antenna supplied with most handheld radio transceivers when compared to a full-sized quarter-wave antenna?

- A. It does not transmit or receive as effectively
- B. It transmits only circularly polarized signals
- C. If the rubber end cap is lost, it will unravel very easily
- D. All of these choices are correct

WHY COAX?

It is shielded

No radiation

Can be run next to metal

It can be run under ground

Few Special Installation Requirements

Cut off any excess

Length = loss

Loss increases with frequency

If coax gets hot replace it

Keep SWR low

Loss in coax both ways

Most Coax is Black – UV

Failure from Moisture or UV

Transmitting Coax is 50 Ohm

COAX

- **RG 58**
 - 50 ohm 3dB loss per 100 ft @ 100 MHz
- **RG 59**
 - 72 ohm 3dB loss per 100 ft @ 100 MHz
- **RG 8**
 - 50 ohm 2.5dB loss per 100 ft @ 100 MHz
- **RG 213**
 - 50 ohm 2.5 dB loss per 100 ft @ 100 MHz
- **RG 174**
 - 50 ohm 11 dB loss per 100 ft @ 100 MHz
- **9913**
 - 50 ohm 1.3 dB loss per 100 ft @ 100 MHz
 - Air core = water pipe
- **Heliax**
 - 50 ohm .2 dB loss per 100 ft @ 100 MHz
- **Hard line**
 - Pipe inside pipe
 - Extremely low loss

T9B05

In general, what happens as the frequency of a signal passing through coaxial cable is increased?

- A. The characteristic impedance decreases
- B. The loss decreases
- C. The characteristic impedance increases
- D. The loss increases

T9B02

What is the impedance of most coaxial cables used in amateur radio installations?

- A. 8 ohms
- B. 50 ohms
- C. 600 ohms
- D. 12 ohms

T7C09

Which of the following is the most common cause for failure of coaxial cables?

- A. Moisture contamination
- B. Gamma rays
- C. The velocity factor exceeds 1.0
- D. Overloading

T7C07

What happens to power lost in a feed line?

- A. It increases the SWR
- B. It comes back into your transmitter and could cause damage
- C. It is converted into heat
- D. It can cause distortion of your signal

T9B03

Why is coaxial cable the most common feed line selected for amateur radio antenna systems?

- A. It is easy to use and requires few special installation considerations
- B. It has less loss than any other type of feed line
- C. It can handle more power than any other type of feed line
- D. It is less expensive than any other type of feed line

T9B08

Why should coax connectors exposed to the weather be sealed against water intrusion?

- A. To prevent an increase in feed line loss
- B. To prevent interference to telephones
- C. To keep the jacket from becoming loose
- D. All of these choices are correct

T7C10

Why should the outer jacket of coaxial cable be resistant to ultraviolet light?

- A. Ultraviolet resistant jackets prevent harmonic radiation
- B. Ultraviolet light can increase losses in the cable's jacket
- C. Ultraviolet and RF signals can mix, causing interference
- D. Ultraviolet light can damage the jacket and allow water to enter the cable

T7C11

What is a disadvantage of air core coaxial cable when compared to foam or solid dielectric types?

- A. It has more loss per foot
- B. It cannot be used for VHF or UHF antennas
- C. It requires special techniques to prevent water absorption
- D. It cannot be used at below freezing temperatures

T9B10

What is the electrical difference between RG-58 and RG-8 coaxial cable?

- A. There is no significant difference between the two types
- B. RG-58 cable has two shields
- C. RG-8 cable has less loss at a given frequency
- D. RG-58 cable can handle higher power levels

T9B11

Which of the following types of feed line has the lowest loss at VHF and UHF?

- A. 50-ohm flexible coax
- B. Multi-conductor unbalanced cable
- C. Air-insulated hard line
- D. 75-ohm flexible coax

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T9B01

Why is it important to have low SWR when using coaxial cable feed line?

- A. To reduce television interference
- B. To reduce signal loss
- C. To prolong antenna life
- D. All of these choices are correct

SWR

(STANDING WAVE RATIO)

- **SWR**

- A ratio of the forward power to the antenna to the reflected power returned from the antenna
- Can be read as voltage with a slotted line

- Cause

- Mismatch of Impedance
- $50\ \Omega$ to $100\ \Omega$ = SWR of 2:1

- **Directional Wattmeter**

- 50 Ohms typical
- $SWR = \frac{\text{Forward} + \text{Reflected}}{\text{Forward} - \text{Reflected}}$

- **SWR meter**

- Do not use a HF SWR meter at VHF
- Measures SWR directly

- **Connected**

- Between transmitter and transmission line

- **Readings**

- 1:1 Very good 1.5:1 Good 4:1 Bad

- **Erratic Readings**

Something is Loose

T7C03

What, in general terms, is standing wave ratio (SWR)?

- A. A measure of how well a load is matched to a transmission line
- B. The ratio of high to low impedance in a feed line
- C. The transmitter efficiency ratio
- D. An indication of the quality of your station's ground connection

T7C04

What reading on an SWR meter indicates a perfect impedance match between the antenna and the feed line?

- A. 2 to 1
- B. 1 to 3
- C. 1 to 1
- D. 10 to 1

T7C08

What instrument other than an SWR meter could you use to determine if a feed line and antenna are properly matched?

- A. Voltmeter
- B. Ohmmeter
- C. Iambic pentameter
- D. Directional wattmeter

T4A05

What is the proper location for an external SWR meter?

- A. In series with the feed line, between the transmitter and antenna
- B. In series with the station's ground
- C. In parallel with the push-to-talk line and the antenna
- D. In series with the power supply cable, as close as possible to the radio

T7C06

What does an SWR reading of 4:1 indicate?

- A. Loss of -4 dB
- B. Good impedance match
- C. Gain of +4 dB
- D. Impedance mismatch

T9B09

What can cause erratic changes in SWR readings?

- A. The transmitter is being modulated
- B. A loose connection in an antenna or a feed line
- C. The transmitter is being over-modulated
- D. Interference from other stations is distorting your signal

ANTENNA TUNER

Makes a correct match to any antenna

Looks like 50 ohms to transmitter

Newer radio shut-down if there is a bad match to save the output

T7C05

Why do most solid-state amateur radio transmitters reduce output power as SWR increases?

- A. To protect the output amplifier transistors
- B. To comply with FCC rules on spectral purity
- C. Because power supplies cannot supply enough current at high SWR
- D. To improve the impedance match to the feed line

T9B04

What is the major function of an antenna tuner (antenna coupler)?

- A. It matches the antenna system impedance to the transceiver's output impedance
- B. It helps a receiver automatically tune in weak stations
- C. It allows an antenna to be used on both transmit and receive
- D. It automatically selects the proper antenna for the frequency band being used

BAND EDGE

STAY AWAY FROM BAND EDGE MODULATION USES BANDWIDTH TRANSMITTER

- **Frequency Calibration**
 - **Stability**
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T1B09 [97.101(a), 97.301(a-e)]

Why should you not set your transmit frequency to be exactly at the edge of an amateur band or sub-band?

- A. To allow for calibration error in the transmitter frequency display
- B. So that modulation sidebands do not extend beyond the band edge
- C. To allow for transmitter frequency drift
- D. All of these choices are correct

BANDWIDTH

CW

**Very low About 100 Hz
Depends on Sending Speed**

RTTY

Low About 500 Hz

SSB

**About 3 kHz
2.8 kHz on 60 Meters**

AM

About 6 kHz

FM

About 15 to 20 kHz

TV

About 6 MHz

T8A05

Which of the following types of emission has the narrowest bandwidth?

- A. FM voice
- B. SSB voice
- C. CW
- D. Slow-scan TV

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T8A11

What is the approximate maximum bandwidth required to transmit a CW signal?

- A. 2.4 kHz
- B. 150 Hz
- C. 1000 Hz
- D. 15 kHz

T8A08

What is the approximate bandwidth of a single sideband (SSB) voice signal?

- A. 1 kHz
- B. 3 kHz
- C. 6 kHz
- D. 15 kHz

T8A09

What is the approximate bandwidth of a VHF repeater FM phone signal?

- A. Less than 500 Hz
- B. About 150 kHz
- C. Between 10 and 15 kHz
- D. Between 50 and 125 kHz

T8A10

What is the typical bandwidth of analog fast-scan TV transmissions on the 70 centimeter band?

- A. More than 10 MHz
- B. About 6 MHz
- C. About 3 MHz
- D. About 1 MHz

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T8A07

What is an advantage of single sideband (SSB) over FM for voice transmissions?

- A. SSB signals are easier to tune
- B. SSB signals are less susceptible to interference
- C. SSB signals have narrower bandwidth
- D. All of these choices are correct

RADIO / BANDWIDTH

Radio bandwidth filters

- Match filter to signal
 - Reduce interference
 - CW about 500 Hz
 - SSB about 3 kHz
 - FM about 15 kHz
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T4B08

What is the advantage of having multiple receive bandwidth choices on a multimode transceiver?

- A. Permits monitoring several modes at once
- B. Permits noise or interference reduction by selecting a bandwidth matching the mode
- C. Increases the number of frequencies that can be stored in memory
- D. Increases the amount of offset between receive and transmit frequencies

T4B09

Which of the following is an appropriate receive filter bandwidth for minimizing noise and interference for SSB reception?

- A. 500 Hz
- B. 1000 Hz
- C. 2400 Hz
- D. 5000 Hz

T4B10

Which of the following is an appropriate receive filter bandwidth for minimizing noise and interference for CW reception?

- A. 500 Hz
- B. 1000 Hz
- C. 2400 Hz
- D. 5000 Hz

TECH + PRIVILEGES

CW Only

200 Watts MAX POWER on HF

80 METERS 3.675 MHz to 3.725 MHz
3675 kHz to 3725 kHz

40 METERS 7.100 MHz to 7.150 MHz
15 METERS 21.100 MHz to 21.200 MHz

CW + RTTY + Data

10 METERS 28.100 MHz to 28.300 MHz

CW + SSB

10 METERS 28.300 MHz to 28.500 MHz

FULL PRIVILEGES

All most all modes 1500 Watts

*6 METERS	50 MHz to 54 MHz
*2 METERS	144 MHz to 148 MHz
*1.25 METERS	222 MHz to 225 MHz
70 CENTIMETERS	420 MHz to 450 MHz
33 CENTIMETERS	902 MHz to 928 MHz
23 CENTIMETERS	1240 MHz to 1300 MHz
13 CENTIMETERS	2300 MHz to 2310 MHz
and	2390 MHz to 2450 MHz

* CW Sub Band

FREQUENCY times WAVELENGTH EQUALS 300,000,000

$$\frac{300,000,000}{10 \text{ METERS}} = 30 \text{ MHz}$$

10 METERS = 28.000 MHz to 29.7 MHz

HF HAM Bands

80 METERS = 3.5 MHz

40 METERS = 7.0 MHz

20 METERS = 14.0 MHz no TECH +

15 METERS = 21.0 MHz

10 METERS = 28.0 MHz

TECH+ Bands

Never start or end with .000

Always near the low end of the band

Always a very small piece of the band

T1B10 [97.301(e), 97.305(c)]

Which of the following HF bands have frequencies available to the Technician class operator for RTTY and data transmissions?

- A. 10 meter, 12 meter, 17 meter, and 40 meter bands
- B. 10 meter, 15 meter, 40 meter, and 80 meter bands
- C. 30 meter band only
- D. 10 meter band only

T1B11 [97.313]

What is the maximum peak envelope power output for Technician class operators using their assigned portions of the HF bands?

- A. 200 watts
- B. 100 watts
- C. 50 watts
- D. 10 watts

T1B12 [97.313(b)]

Except for some specific restrictions, what is the maximum peak envelope power output for Technician class operators using frequencies above 30 MHz?

- A. 50 watts
- B. 100 watts
- C. 500 watts
- D. 1500 watts

T1B06 [97.301(e), 97.305]

On which HF bands does a Technician class operator have phone privileges?

- A. None
- B. 10 meter band only
- C. 80 meter, 40 meter, 15 meter and 10 meter bands
- D. 30 meter band only

T1B07 [97.305(a), (c)]

Which of the following VHF/UHF frequency ranges are limited to CW only?

- A. 50.0 MHz to 50.1 MHz and 144.0 MHz to 144.1 MHz
- B. 219 MHz to 220 MHz and 420.0 MHz to 420.1 MHz
- C. 902.0 MHz to 902.1 MHz
- D. All of these choices are correct

T2B13 (C)

Where may SSB phone be used in amateur bands above 50 MHz?

- A. Only in sub-bands allocated to General class or higher licensees
- B. Only on repeaters
- C. In at least some portion of all these bands
- D. On any band as long as power is limited to 25 watts

FREQUENCY times WAVELENGTH EQUALS 300,000,000

T1B03 [97.301(a)]

Which frequency is within the 6 meter amateur band?

- A. 49.00 MHz
- B. 52.525 MHz
- C. 28.50 MHz
- D. 222.15 MHz

T1B04 [97.301(a)]

Which amateur band are you using when your station is transmitting on 146.52 MHz?

- A. 2 meter band
- B. 20 meter band
- C. 14 meter band
- D. 6 meter band

Good Operating

Monitor B4 Transmitting

Follow the Band Plan

Stay Within Your Privileges

Say Your Call to Break Into a Contact

T2A10

What is a band plan, beyond the privileges established by the FCC?

- A. A voluntary guideline for using different modes or activities within an amateur band
- B. A mandated list of operating schedules
- C. A list of scheduled net frequencies
- D. A plan devised by a club to indicate frequency band usage

T2A12

Which of the following is a guideline when choosing an operating frequency for calling CQ?

- A. Listen first to be sure that no one else is using the frequency
- B. Ask if the frequency is in use
- C. Make sure you are in your assigned band
- D. All of these choices are correct

Third Party Someone not a Ham

Hams with Revoked license may not be a Third Party

Third Party Agreements required with Foreign Countries

Must ID with Both Calls in English

Messages of a Personal Nature or HAM BS

Emergencies No Rules

T1F07 [97.115(a)(2)]

Which of the following restrictions apply when a non-licensed person is allowed to speak to a foreign station using a station under the control of a Technician class control operator?

- A. The person must be a U.S. citizen
- B. The foreign station must be one with which the U.S. has a third-party agreement
- C. The licensed control operator must do the station identification
- D. All of these choices are correct

T1F08 [97.3(a)(47)]

What is meant by the term Third Party Communications?

- A. A message from a control operator to another amateur station control operator on behalf of another person
- B. Amateur radio communications where three stations are in communications with one another
- C. Operation when the transmitting equipment is licensed to a person other than the control operator
- D. Temporary authorization for an unlicensed person to transmit on the amateur bands for technical experiments

Single Sideband Usage

40 Meters and Below LSB

Every else Upper Sideband

**Equal Access to
Frequencies
This is NOT true!**

HAM Etiquette

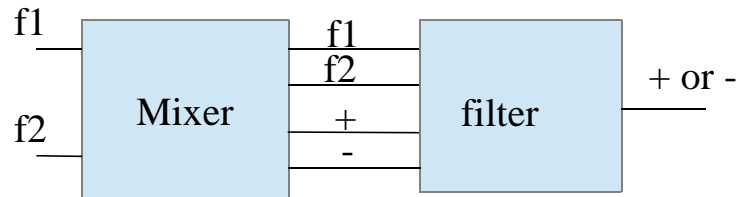
**Ask if Frequency is in Use
Other Signals Interfering Move
DX if Long Distance**

T2B08

Which of the following applies when two stations transmitting on the same frequency interfere with each other?

- A. Common courtesy should prevail, but no one has absolute right to an amateur frequency
- B. Whoever has the strongest signal has priority on the frequency
- C. Whoever has been on the frequency the longest has priority on the frequency
- D. The station that has the weakest signal has priority on the frequency

Mixer



- **Superheterodyne receiver**
 - Standard radio
 - **Transverter**
 - Converts lower frequency TX to higher frequency TX
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T7A03

Which of the following is used to convert a radio signal from one frequency to another?

- A. Phase splitter
- B. Mixer
- C. Inverter
- D. Amplifier

T7A06

What device converts the RF input and output of a transceiver to another band?

- A. High-pass filter
- B. Low-pass filter
- C. Transverter
- D. Phase converter

CW OPERATION

- Uses International Morse
- SOS = Emergency
- CQ = Calling any station
(used on phone too)
 - Send “CQ” 3 times then “DE” then your call 3 times
 - Don’t send faster than you can receive
 - Answer “CQ”
 - Send the other station’s call 2 times then “DE” then your call 2 times
 - Use any thing want to key the TX

T8D09

What code is used when sending CW in the amateur bands?

- A. Baudot
- B. Hamming
- C. International Morse
- D. All of these choices are correct

CW Q Signals

What do all those Q - - mean

- QRL – Frequency in use?
- QRM** – Man made noise
- QRN – I am troubled by static
- QRP – Low power
- QRS - Send slower
- QRV - Ready to receive message
- QSK - Full break-in
- QSL - Acknowledge receipt
- QSY** – Change frequency

T2B10

Which Q signal indicates that you are receiving interference from other stations?

- A. QRM
- B. QRN
- C. QTH
- D. QSB

T2B11

Which Q signal indicates that you are changing frequency?

- A. QRU
- B. QSY
- C. QSL
- D. QRZ

Keying the TX

Delay from Rx to Tx

Time for transition to TX

To Keep TX out of RX

Use anything you want

Manual key

Bug

Electronic key

Computer

Two wires

T8D14

What is an electronic keyer?

- A. A device for switching antennas from transmit to receive
- B. A device for voice activated switching from receive to transmit
- C. A device that assists in manual sending of Morse code
- D. An interlock to prevent unauthorized use of a radio

RTTY - Data

- **Tech Only on 10 Meters and above**
- **RTTY**
 - Baudot – 5 bit code
 - 170 Hz shift on HF
 - Audio frequency shift keying
 - Use LSB
- **Data**
 - 300 baud max below 28 MHz
 - 1200 baud max 10 meters
 - 19.6 Kilobaud on 6 – 2 meters
 - 20 kHz bandwidth 6 – 2 meters
 - 56 Kilobaud on 1.25 meters – 70 cm
 - High symbol rate = More Bandwidth

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DATA OPERATION

- **Radio connections**
 - Frequency shift
 - Audio in – out
 - PTT
- **RTTY**
 - Radio teletype
 - Computer or teletype required
 - Frequency shift on HF
 - Modems on VHF/UHF
- **Packet**
 - Computer
 - TNC terminal node controller
 - Sound card
 - Forwarding 219-220 MHz₂₀₀

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T4A02

How might a computer be used as part of an amateur radio station?

- A. For logging contacts and contact information
- B. For sending and/or receiving CW
- C. For generating and decoding digital signals
- D. All of these choices are correct

T4A04

Which computer sound card port is connected to a transceiver's headphone or speaker output for operating digital modes?

- A. Headphone output
- B. Mute
- C. Microphone or line input
- D. PCI or SDI

T4A06

Which of the following connections might be used between a voice transceiver and a computer for digital operation?

- A. Receive and transmit mode, status, and location
- B. Antenna and RF power
- C. Receive audio, transmit audio, and push-to-talk (PTT)
- D. NMEA GPS location and DC power

T4A07

How is a computer's sound card used when conducting digital communications?

- A. The sound card communicates between the computer CPU and the video display
- B. The sound card records the audio frequency for video display
- C. The sound card provides audio to the radio's microphone input and converts received audio to digital form
- D. All of these choices are correct

Frequencies for Data

- **219-220 MHz Forwarding**

T1B05 [97.305(c)]

What is the limitation for emissions on the frequencies between 219 and 220 MHz?

- A. Spread spectrum only
- B. Fixed digital message forwarding systems only
- C. Emergency traffic only
- D. Fast-scan television only

Other Data Modes

- **Packet – Old after RTTY**
 - Retransmit for data correction
ARQ
 - Formatted Message
 - Header has address
 - Check sum
 - FM modulation on VHF
- **PSK31**
 - Variable bits per character
 - Varicode
 - 31 is the approximate symbol rate
 - Upper Case Letters generate Longer Character

T8A02

What type of modulation is most commonly used for VHF packet radio transmissions?

- A. FM
- B. SSB
- C. AM
- D. PSK

T8D08

Which of the following may be included in packet transmissions?

- A. A check sum that permits error detection
- B. A header that contains the call sign of the station to which the information is being sent
- C. Automatic repeat request in case of error
- D. All of these choices are correct

T8D11

What is an ARQ transmission system?

- A. A special transmission format limited to video signals
- B. A system used to encrypt command signals to an amateur radio satellite
- C. A digital scheme whereby the receiving station detects errors and sends a request to the sending station to retransmit the information
- D. A method of compressing the data in a message so more information can be sent in a shorter time

Pactor

- **Speed Changes with Communication Quality**
- **If Quality Drops Too Far The Connection may Drop**
- **ACK NAK Retransmit on Errors**
- **Master Slave (Just 2)**
- **Can Be Monitored**
- **Bandwidth at max 2300 Hz**
- **Characters 2 to 15 Bits**
 - Most used Small (E)
 - Uncommon Large (Z)

JT65 and JT9

- **Slow baud rate**
 - **Weak signal**
 - **Multi Tone Signal (AFSK)**
 - **Uses USB**
-

T8D01

Which of the following is a digital communications mode?

- A. Packet radio
- B. IEEE 802.11
- C. JT65
- D. All of these choices are correct

Broadband-Hamnet

Modified Wi-Fi gear

- Linksys WRT54G_
- 2.4 GHz
- Short range

Digital Network

- Like internet
 - Fault Tolerant
-

T8D12

Which of the following best describes Broadband-Hamnet(TM), also referred to as a high-speed multi-media network?

- A. An amateur-radio-based data network using commercial Wi-Fi gear with modified firmware
- B. A wide-bandwidth digital voice mode employing DRM protocols
- C. A satellite communications network using modified commercial satellite TV hardware
- D. An internet linking protocol used to network repeaters

FT8

HF Digital Mode

Works below noise

8 Frequency Shift Keying

Requires Accurate Time

15 Second Burst

T8D13

What is FT8?

- A. A wideband FM voice mode
- B. A digital mode capable of operating in low signal-to-noise conditions that transmits on 15-second intervals
- C. An eight channel multiplex mode for FM repeaters
- D. A digital slow scan TV mode with forward error correction and automatic color compensation

PSK - FSK - AFSK

- **FSK Frequency Shift Keying**
- **PSK Phase Shift Keying**
 - Change TX frequency
- **AFSK Audio FSK**
 - Tones into Radio Input
 - One Tone for Mark
 - A different Tone for Space
- **Mark – Space**
 - Old Terms for On – OFF
 - Mark = On
 - Space = Off

T8D06

What does the abbreviation "PSK" mean?

- A. Pulse Shift Keying
- B. Phase Shift Keying
- C. Packet Short Keying
- D. Phased Slide Keying

Codes

- **Baudot**
 - Old 5 Bit Code used on First TTY
 - 5 bits only 32 possible Characters
 - Letters – Figures Shift
- **ASCII**
 - 8 Bit Code including Parity
 - Parity Error Checking

Poor Communication

- Very weak signal
- Noise
- Interference
- Multi-path

All can cause:

- 1 Frequent retries or timeouts
 - 2 Long pauses in message transmission
 - 3 Failure to establish a connection between stations
-

T3A10

What may occur if data signals arrive via multiple paths?

- A. Transmission rates can be increased by a factor equal to the number of separate paths observed
- B. Transmission rates must be decreased by a factor equal to the number of separate paths observed
- C. No significant changes will occur if the signals are transmitted using FM
- D. Error rates are likely to increase

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Things Go Wrong

- **ALC Automatic Level Control**
 - Not Set properly
 - Distorts the signal
 - Can cause spurious emissions
- **Baud Rate Mismatch**
 - You Get Junk
- **Mark – Space Reversed**
 - You Get Junk
- **Wrong Side Band**
 - You Get Junk
- **RF Signal Gets into Audio**
 - VOX Does Not Unkey
 - Distorted signal
 - Bad communication (Time-outs)
- **Packet Containing Errors**
 - Requests the Packet be Retransmitted
 - Forward Error Correction
 - Transmitting redundant information

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FCC Rules / DATA

- **Automatic Control**
 - Connect to the Internet
 - Called Automatically Controlled Digital
 - No operator
- **Automatic to Automatic**
 - 1.25 Meters and above
 - 2 Meters & HF some Band segments
- **No Money**
- **Third Party (Standard Rules)**

HF operation 1

- **Pointing your HF antenna**
 - Azimuthal Projection Map
 - World map centered at your station
- **CQ**
 - Any station
 - Answer with stations call then yours
- **CQ DX**
 - Contact outside country
- **QRP**
 - Low power (less than 5W)
- **HF Mobile**
 - Ant Limit
 - Ground?

T2A05

How should you respond to a station calling CQ?

- A. Transmit "CQ" followed by the other station's call sign
- B. Transmit your call sign followed by the other station's call sign
- C. Transmit the other station's call sign followed by your call sign
- D. Transmit a signal report followed by your call sign

T2A08

What is the meaning of the procedural signal "CQ"?

- A. Call on the quarter hour
- B. A new antenna is being tested (no station should answer)
- C. Only the called station should transmit
- D. Calling any station

HF operation 2

- **SSB Adjustments**

- Speech processor
 - Improves signal intelligibility
 - increases average power
- Automatic Level Control – ALC
 - Microphone gain
- Poorly adjusted
 - Flat-topping
 - Distorted speech
 - Splatter
 - Background sounds

- **Neutralization**

- Circuit positive feedback
 - Causes self oscillation
- Corrected with negative feedback

T4B01

What may happen if a transmitter is operated with the microphone gain set too high?

- A. The output power might be too high
- B. The output signal might become distorted
- C. The frequency might vary
- D. The SWR might increase

HF Radios

- **RIT Receiver Incremental Tuning**
 - Allows you tune RX & not TX
- **Noise Blanker**
 - Reduces ignition type noise
- **RF feedback**
 - Garbled, distorted, or unintelligible

SSB Transmitter

- A Form of AM
- Uses a Balanced Modulator
 - Produces 2 Side Bands No CXR
 - Filters Remove 1 Side Band
- Once Modulated it can't be multiplied
 - Must be Mixed or Heterodyned

T4B05

Which of the following would reduce ignition interference to a receiver?

- A. Change frequency slightly
- B. Decrease the squelch setting
- C. Turn on the noise blanker
- D. Use the RIT control

T4B12

Which of the following could be used to remove power line noise or ignition noise?

- A. Squelch
- B. Noise blanker
- C. Notch filter
- D. All of these choices are correct

T4B06

Which of the following controls could be used if the voice pitch of a single-sideband signal seems too high or low?

- A. The AGC or limiter
- B. The bandwidth selection
- C. The tone squelch
- D. The receiver RIT or clarifier

T4B07

What does the term "RIT" mean?

- A. Receiver Input Tone
- B. Receiver Incremental Tuning
- C. Rectifier Inverter Test
- D. Remote Input Transmitter

Using Your HF Radio

Notch Filter

Block a Signal Interfering

CW High – Low Side

Less Interference

Intermediate Frequency (IF) Shift

Reduce Interference from Close signal

Split Mode

TX on One Frequency

RX on Another

40 Meters Outside the US

ALC Automatic Level Control

Control Modulation

Distortion from Over Drive (Flat Topping)

Excessive Bandwidth

Drive to a Power Amplifier

Over Drive can Damage a Solid State Amp

Using Your HF Radio 2

Dual VFO

Monitoring of 2 Frequencies

Speech Processor

Fancy ALC

Increases Average Power

Attenuator

Reduce Signal Overload

S Meter

Relative Received Signal
Strength

Different on most Radios

Antenna Tuner

Match TX - Antenna Impedance

VOX

Voice Operated Relay (Transmit)

Handheld HT VHF/UHF All Those Keys

- **You will need the manual**
 - Copy it and put it in your car
- **F Key**
 - Selects function normally not used
- **Shift Key**
 - Turns on repeater offset
- **Step function (F Key)**
 - Sets tuning steps (rate)
- **Scan Key**
 - Monitor Lots of Frequencies
- **Microphone Buttons**
 - Push to talk (PTT)
 - Touch tone - Phone patch
 - Up Down – Frequency selection

T4B13

Which of the following is a use for the scanning function of an FM transceiver?

- A. To check incoming signal deviation
- B. To prevent interference to nearby repeaters
- C. To scan through a range of frequencies to check for activity
- D. To check for messages left on a digital bulletin board

T7A07

What is meant by “PTT”?

- A. Pre-transmission tuning to reduce transmitter harmonic emission
- B. Precise tone transmissions used to limit repeater access to only certain signals
- C. A primary transformer tuner use to match antennas
- D. The push-to-talk function that switches between receive and transmit

Receiver tech stuff

- **Sensitivity**
 - How weak a signal it can detect
- **Selectivity**
 - How well it can receive one signal
- **Squelch**
 - Muting receiver with no signal
- **Automatic gain control or AGC**
 - Keeps audio relatively constant
- **S meter**
 - Signal strength
 - Not the same on all radios

T7A01

Which term describes the ability of a receiver to detect the presence of a signal?

- A. Linearity
- B. Sensitivity
- C. Selectivity
- D. Total Harmonic Distortion

T7A04

Which term describes the ability of a receiver to discriminate between multiple signals?

- A. Discrimination ratio
- B. Sensitivity
- C. Selectivity
- D. Harmonic distortion

Use Your Radio

- **VFO Variable frequency osc**
 - Manual tuning knob – Setup
 - Some radios use keypad
- **Radios have memory**
 - Frequency
 - PL
 - State of radio when stored
- **Squelch**
 - Turns off audio if no signal
- **Automatic Gain Control (AGC)**
 - Keeps audio “the same”
- **Distorted signal**
 - Battery low?
 - Off frequency?
 - Bad Location?

T4B02

Which of the following can be used to enter the operating frequency on a modern transceiver?

- A. The keypad or VFO knob
- B. The CTCSS or DTMF encoder
- C. The Automatic Frequency Control
- D. All of these choices are correct

T4B03

What is the purpose of the squelch control on a transceiver?

- A. To set the highest level of volume desired
- B. To set the transmitter power level
- C. To adjust the automatic gain control
- D. To mute receiver output noise when no signal is being received

T4B04

What is a way to enable quick access to a favorite frequency on your transceiver?

- A. Enable the CTCSS tones
- B. Store the frequency in a memory channel
- C. Disable the CTCSS tones
- D. Use the scan mode to select the desired frequency

T4B11

What is the function of automatic gain control, or AGC?

- A. To keep received audio relatively constant
- B. To protect an antenna from lightning
- C. To eliminate RF on the station cabling
- D. An asymmetric goniometer control used for antenna matching

T7B10

What might be a problem if you receive a report that your audio signal through the repeater is distorted or unintelligible?

- A. Your transmitter is slightly off frequency
- B. Your batteries are running low
- C. You are in a bad location
- D. All of these choices are correct

HT Inside Car

Inside a metal box

- Does not work well

T9A07

What is a disadvantage of using a handheld VHF transceiver, with its integral antenna, inside a vehicle?

- A. Signals might not propagate well due to the shielding effect of the vehicle
- B. It might cause the transceiver to overheat
- C. The SWR might decrease, decreasing the signal strength
- D. All of these choices are correct

UHF – VHF Long-Distance

SSB

- Requires Multi-mode radio
- Upper sideband

Horizontal antenna

T8A03

Which type of voice mode is most often used for long-distance (weak signal) contacts on the VHF and UHF bands?

- A. FM
- B. DRM
- C. SSB
- D. PM

T8A06

Which sideband is normally used for 10 meter HF, VHF, and UHF single-sideband communications?

- A. Upper sideband
- B. Lower sideband
- C. Suppressed sideband
- D. Inverted sideband

REPEATER

Retransmits

Typically from a high location
Provides greater range for HTs
Automatic Control no operator
Requires two frequencies
Input / Output

Used responsible for transmission

Lots of repeaters in metro areas

Coordination "required"
Local group of repeater owners

Paid for by owner

Individuals
Clubs Open repeaters GOOD!
Groups Closed repeaters BOO!

Linked

Echolink VoIP - Internet

T1A08 [97.3(a)(22)]

Which of the following entities recommends transmit/receive channels and other parameters for auxiliary and repeater stations?

- A. Frequency Spectrum Manager appointed by the FCC
- B. Volunteer Frequency Coordinator recognized by local amateurs
- C. FCC Regional Field Office
- D. International Telecommunications Union

T1A09 [97.3(a)(22)]

Who selects a Frequency Coordinator?

- A. The FCC Office of Spectrum Management and Coordination Policy
- B. The local chapter of the Office of National Council of Independent Frequency Coordinators
- C. Amateur operators in a local or regional area whose stations are eligible to be repeater or auxiliary stations
- D. FCC Regional Field Office

T1E08 [97.3(a)(6), 97.205(d)]

Which of the following is an example of automatic control?

- A. Repeater operation
- B. Controlling the station over the internet
- C. Using a computer or other device to send CW automatically
- D. Using a computer or other device to identify automatically

T1F09 [97.3(a)(40)]

What type of amateur station simultaneously on a retransmits the signal of another amateur station different channel or channels?

- A. Beacon station**
- B. Earth station**
- C. Repeater station**
- D. Message forwarding station**

T1F10 [97.205(g)]

Who is accountable should a repeater inadvertently retransmit communications that violate the FCC rules?

- A. The control operator of the originating station**
- B. The control operator of the repeater**
- C. The owner of the repeater**
- D. Both the originating station and the repeater owner**

REPEATER TECH STUFF

- **Repeaters**

- Use FM for reduction of noise

- Split frequencies

- Transmit on one frequency
 - Receive on another frequency
 - 600 kHz on 2 Meters
 - 1.6 MHz on 1.25 Meters
 - 5.0 MHz on 70 Centimeters

- Interference reduction

- PL tone
 - Also called CTCSS
 - A low frequency used to reduce repeater interference
 - 50 to 250 Hz
 - Tone burst or DCS

- Multiple receivers

- “Auxiliary stations”

T2A01

Which of the following is a common repeater frequency offset in the 2 meter band?

- A. Plus or minus 5 MHz
- B. Plus or minus 600 kHz
- C. Plus or minus 500 kHz
- D. Plus or minus 1 MHz

T2A03

What is a common repeater frequency offset in the 70 cm band?

- A. Plus or minus 5 MHz
- B. Plus or minus 600 kHz
- C. Plus or minus 500 kHz
- D. Plus or minus 1 MHz

T2A07

What is meant by "repeater offset?"

- A. The difference between a repeater's transmit frequency and its receive frequency
- B. The repeater has a time delay to prevent interference
- C. The repeater station identification is done on a separate frequency
- D. The number of simultaneous transmit frequencies used by a repeater

T2B02

What term describes the use of a sub-audible tone transmitted along with normal voice audio to open the squelch of a receiver?

- A. Carrier squelch
- B. Tone burst
- C. DTMF
- D. CTCSS

T2B03

If a station is not strong enough to keep a repeater's receiver squelch open, which of the following might allow you to receive the station's signal?

- A. Open the squelch on your radio
- B. Listen on the repeater input frequency
- C. Listen on the repeater output frequency
- D. Increase your transmit power

T2B04

Which of the following could be the reason you are unable to access a repeater whose output you can hear?

- A. Improper transceiver offset
- B. The repeater may require a proper CTCSS tone from your transceiver
- C. The repeater may require a proper DCS tone from your transceiver
- D. All of these choices are correct

T8A04

Which type of modulation is most commonly used for VHF and UHF voice repeaters?

- A. AM
- B. SSB
- C. PSK
- D. FM

- **Autopatch**
 - Connection to telephone network
 - One BIG party line!
- **Courtesy tone**
 - Wait for the tone
 - Time to break in – Say you call
- **User responsible for input**
- **Calling CQ**
 - CQ not used on repeaters
 - Just say your call
- **Calling another station**
 - Say stations call then Your call
- **Time-out timer**
 - Turns off repeater if you talk too long
- **ID**
 - Morse 20 WPM max
 - Voice
- **Modes other than voice NOT welcome**
 - Check with owner

T2A04

What is an appropriate way to call another station on a repeater if you know the other station's call sign?

- A. Say "break, break," then say the station's call sign
- B. Say the station's call sign, then identify with your call sign
- C. Say "CQ" three times, then the other station's call sign
- D. Wait for the station to call CQ, then answer it

T2A09

What brief statement indicates that you are listening on a repeater and looking for a contact?

- A. The words "Hello test" followed by your call sign
- B. Your call sign
- C. The repeater call sign followed by your call sign
- D. The letters "QSY" followed by your call sign

Internet linked repeater

- **Echolink & IRLP**

- Check repeater directory
- Must Register to use Echolink
- Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)

- Check on line
- Check repeater directory

- **IRLP**

- Uses DTMF (TT) to connect
- Gateway

- Connection from radio to internet

T2B06

What type of tones are used to control repeaters linked by the Internet Relay Linking Project (IRLP) protocol?

- A. DTMF
- B. CTCSS
- C. EchoLink
- D. Sub-audible

T8C06

How is access to some IRLP nodes accomplished?

- A. By obtaining a password that is sent via voice to the node
- B. By using DTMF signals
- C. By entering the proper internet password
- D. By using CTCSS tone codes

T8C07

What is meant by Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) as used in amateur radio?

- A. A set of rules specifying how to identify your station when linked over the internet to another station
- B. A set of guidelines for contacting DX stations during contests using internet access
- C. A technique for measuring the modulation quality of a transmitter using remote sites monitored via the internet
- D. A method of delivering voice communications over the internet using digital techniques

T8C08

What is the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP)?

- A. A technique to connect amateur radio systems, such as repeaters, via the internet using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)
- B. A system for providing access to websites via amateur radio
- C. A system for informing amateurs in real time of the frequency of active DX stations
- D. A technique for measuring signal strength of an amateur transmitter via the internet

T8C10

What must be done before you may use the EchoLink system to communicate using a repeater?

- A. You must complete the required EchoLink training
- B. You must have purchased a license to use the EchoLink software
- C. You must be sponsored by a current EchoLink user
- D. You must register your call sign and provide proof of license

T8C11

What name is given to an amateur radio station that is used to connect other amateur stations to the internet?

- A. A gateway
- B. A repeater
- C. A digipeater
- D. A beacon

LINKED REPEATERS

Repeaters linked by

- Radio
- Internet
- Wire

What one repeater receives is transmitted on all repeaters

T2B14

Which of the following describes a linked repeater network?

- A. A network of repeaters where signals received by one repeater are repeated by all the repeaters
- B. A repeater with more than one receiver
- C. Multiple repeaters with the same owner
- D. A system of repeaters linked by APRS

DIGITAL MOBILE

Vocoders used to send digital voice

Can send digital data (texting)

Can form Talk Groups

- Need to program
- Channel Sharing

Has Forward Error Correction

Color codes required CC0-15

Has compatibility problems

Can be internet linked

Time-multiplexing of two digital voice signals on a single 12.5 kHz repeater channel

T2B09

What is a “talk group” on a DMR digital repeater?

- A. A group of operators sharing common interests
- B. A way for groups of users to share a channel at different times without being heard by other users on the channel
- C. A protocol that increases the signal-to-noise ratio when multiple repeaters are linked together
- D. A net that meets at a particular time

T8D07

Which of the following best describes DMR (Digital Mobile Radio)?

- A. A technique for time-multiplexing two digital voice signals on a single 12.5 kHz repeater channel
- B. An automatic position tracking mode for FM mobiles communicating through repeaters
- C. An automatic computer logging technique for hands-off logging when communicating while operating a vehicle
- D. A digital technique for transmitting on two repeater inputs simultaneously for automatic error correction

T2B07

How can you join a digital repeater’s “talk group”?

- A. Register your radio with the local FCC office
- B. Join the repeater owner’s club
- C. Program your radio with the group’s ID or code
- D. Sign your call after the courtesy tone

CROSS-BAND REPEATER

- **Receive on one band**
- **Transmit on a different band**
 - Satellites
 - Automatic stations
 - Mobile and HTs
 - Require an operator “Ha Ha”

SIMPLEX OPERATION

- Transmit & receive on the same frequency
- Use assigned frequencies not repeater frequencies
- National calling frequencies
 - 146.52
 - 446.00
- Use instead of repeater when you can (check input frequency - reverse split)
- Some HAMs use the output frequency of the local repeater for simplex

T2A02

What is the national calling frequency for FM simplex operations in the 2 meter band?

- A. 146.520 MHz
- B. 145.000 MHz
- C. 432.100 MHz
- D. 446.000 MHz

T2A11

What term describes an amateur station that is transmitting and receiving on the same frequency?

- A. Full duplex
- B. Diplex
- C. Simplex
- D. Multiplex

T2B01

What is the most common use of the “reverse split” function of a VHF/UHF transceiver?

- A. Reduce power output
- B. Increase power output
- C. Listen on a repeater’s input frequency
- D. Listen on a repeater’s output frequency

T2B12

Why are simplex channels designated in the VHF/UHF band plans?

- A. So that stations within mutual communications range can communicate without tying up a repeater
- B. For contest operation
- C. For working DX only
- D. So that stations with simple transmitters can access the repeater without automated offset

Operation 2

- **Frequency use**
 - Nets
 - Gentlemen
 - Ask to move
 - Breaking in
 - Your call
 - Busy frequency
 - Move
- **Amateur Auxiliary**
 - Cops
 - Stay away from band edges
 - Can put you outside the band

Space Stations

Space = 50 km above the Earth
International Space Station
Satellites

T1A07 [97.3(a)(41)]

What is the FCC Part 97 definition of a space station?

- A. Any satellite orbiting the earth
- B. A manned satellite orbiting the earth
- C. An amateur station located more than 50 km above the Earth's surface
- D. An amateur station using amateur radio satellites for relay of signals

T1B02 [97.301, 97.207(c)]

Which amateur radio stations may make contact with an amateur radio station on the International Space Station (ISS) using 2 meter and 70 cm band frequencies?

- A. Only members of amateur radio clubs at NASA facilities
- B. Any amateur holding a Technician or higher-class license
- C. Only the astronaut's family members who are hams
- D. Contacts with the ISS are not permitted on amateur radio frequencies

SATELLITES

- **Most satellites are VHF or UHF**
 - Pass through the ionosphere easily
 - U/V mode UHF up VHF down
- **Use circular polarized antennas**
 - Satellites spin
- **LEO - Low Earth Orbit**
- **Tracking Programs**
 - Maps showing position
 - Time, Azimuth, and Elevation
 - Frequency
 - Doppler shift
 - Input Keplerian elements
 - 8 Values (internet search)

T8B08

What is meant by the statement that a satellite is operating in mode U/V?

- A. The satellite uplink is in the 15 meter band and the downlink is in the 10 meter band
- B. The satellite uplink is in the 70 centimeter band and the downlink is in the 2 meter band
- C. The satellite operates using ultraviolet frequencies
- D. The satellite frequencies are usually variable

T8B10

What do the initials LEO tell you about an amateur satellite?

- A. The satellite battery is in Low Energy Operation mode
- B. The satellite is performing a Lunar Ejection Orbit maneuver
- C. The satellite is in a Low Earth Orbit
- D. The satellite uses Light Emitting Optics

T8B09

What causes spin fading of satellite signals?

- A. Circular polarized noise interference radiated from the sun
- B. Rotation of the satellite and its antennas
- C. Doppler shift of the received signal
- D. Interfering signals within the satellite uplink band

T8B07

With regard to satellite communications, what is Doppler shift?

- A. A change in the satellite orbit
- B. A mode where the satellite receives signals on one band and transmits on another
- C. An observed change in signal frequency caused by relative motion between the satellite and the earth station
- D. A special digital communications mode for some satellites

T1D07 [97.113(d)]

What types of amateur stations can automatically retransmit the signals of other amateur stations?

- A. Auxiliary, beacon, or Earth stations
- B. Repeater, auxiliary, or space stations
- C. Beacon, repeater, or space stations
- D. Earth, repeater, or space stations

T8B03

Which of the following are provided by satellite tracking programs?

- A. Maps showing the real-time position of the satellite track over the earth
- B. The time, azimuth, and elevation of the start, maximum altitude, and end of a pass
- C. The apparent frequency of the satellite transmission, including effects of Doppler shift
- D. All of these choices are correct

T8B06

Which of the following are inputs to a satellite tracking program?

- A. The weight of the satellite
- B. The Keplerian elements
- C. The last observed time of zero Doppler shift
- D. All of these choices are correct

T1E02 [97.301, 97.207(c)]

Who may be the control operator of a station communicating through an amateur satellite or space station?

- A. Only an Amateur Extra Class operator
- B. A General class or higher licensee who has a satellite operator certification
- C. Only an Amateur Extra Class operator who is also an AMSAT member
- D. Any amateur whose license privileges allow them to transmit on the satellite uplink frequency

MORE SATELLITES

Beacons / Telemetry

- Info about the Satellite
- Health and Status
- Anyone can Receive Beacons

Operating Modes

- SSB
- FM
- CW/Data

Uplink Power

- Check Return Signal
- Can Block Other Users

T8B05

What is a satellite beacon?

- A. The primary transmit antenna on the satellite
- B. An indicator light that shows where to point your antenna
- C. A reflective surface on the satellite
- D. A transmission from a satellite that contains status information

T8B01

What telemetry information is typically transmitted by satellite beacons?

- A. The signal strength of received signals
- B. Time of day accurate to plus or minus 1/10 second
- C. Health and status of the satellite
- D. All of these choices are correct

T8B11

Who may receive telemetry from a space station?

- A. Anyone who can receive the telemetry signal
- B. A licensed radio amateur with a transmitter equipped for interrogating the satellite
- C. A licensed radio amateur who has been certified by the protocol developer
- D. A licensed radio amateur who has registered for an access code from AMSAT

T8B04

What mode of transmission is commonly used by amateur radio satellites?

- A. SSB
- B. FM
- C. CW/data
- D. All of these choices are correct

T8B02

What is the impact of using too much effective radiated power on a satellite uplink?

- A. Possibility of commanding the satellite to an improper mode
- B. Blocking access by other users
- C. Overloading the satellite batteries
- D. Possibility of rebooting the satellite control computer

T8B12

Which of the following is a good way to judge whether your uplink power is neither too low nor too high?

- A. Check your signal strength report in the telemetry data
- B. Listen for distortion on your downlink signal
- C. Your signal strength on the downlink should be about the same as the beacon
- D. All of these choices are correct

ATV OPERATION

- ID with your call in the picture
 - Allowed above 420 MHz
 - TV requires about 6 MHz bandwidth
 - You can pick-up ATV with a cable ready TV on CH 58
 - NTSC - TV Standard
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T8D04

What type of transmission is indicated by the term "NTSC?"

- A. A Normal Transmission mode in Static Circuit
- B. A special mode for earth satellite uplink
- C. An analog fast scan color TV signal
- D. A frame compression scheme for TV signals

Direction Finding

- Find the bad guy
 - Equipment
 - Directional antenna
 - Other
-

T8C01

Which of the following methods is used to locate sources of noise interference or jamming?

- A. Echolocation
- B. Doppler radar
- C. Radio direction finding
- D. Phase locking

T8C02

Which of these items would be useful for a hidden transmitter hunt?

- A. Calibrated SWR meter
- B. A directional antenna
- C. A calibrated noise bridge
- D. All of these choices are correct

APRS

Automatic Position Reporting System Automatic Packet Reporting System

- **Uses packet on 144.39 MHz**
 - **Requires GPS**
 - **Provides your location**
 - **Used for public service events**
-

T8D05

Which of the following is an application of APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System)?

- A. Providing real-time tactical digital communications in conjunction with a map showing the locations of stations
- B. Showing automatically the number of packets transmitted via PACTOR during a specific time interval
- C. Providing voice over internet connection between repeaters
- D. Providing information on the number of stations signed into a repeater

T8D02

What does the term “APRS” mean?

- A. Automatic Packet Reporting System
- B. Associated Public Radio Station
- C. Auto Planning Radio Set-up
- D. Advanced Polar Radio System

T8D03

Which of the following devices is used to provide data to the transmitter when sending automatic position reports from a mobile amateur radio station?

- A. The vehicle speedometer
- B. A WWV receiver
- C. A connection to a broadcast FM sub-carrier receiver
- D. A Global Positioning System receiver

Contesting

- **Contacting many stations in weekend**
 - **Send only the info required**
 - **Know your grid locator**
 - Special Map – letter number
-

T8C03

What operating activity involves contacting as many stations as possible during a specified period?

- A. Contesting
- B. Net operations
- C. Public service events
- D. Simulated emergency exercises

T8C04

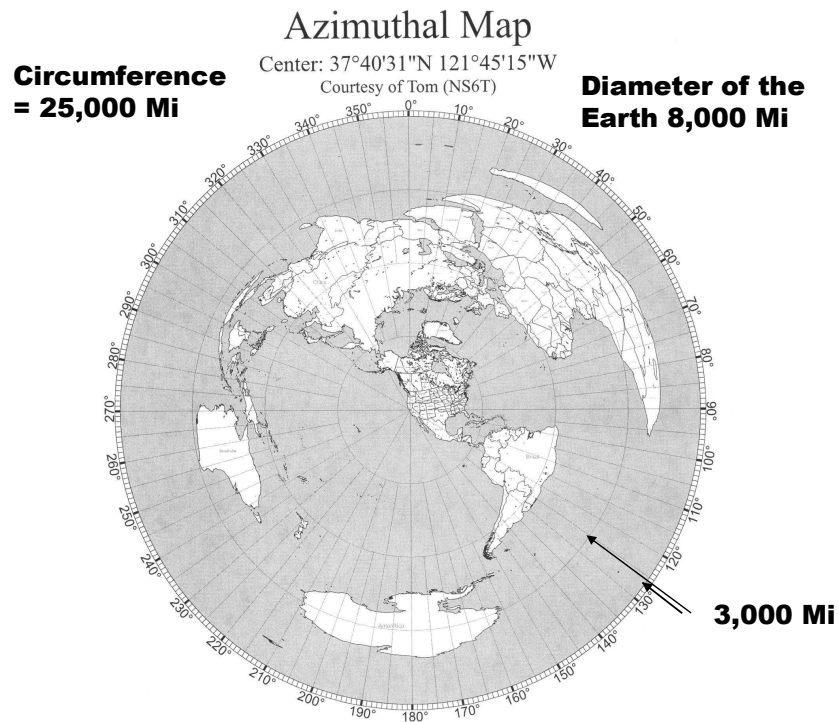
Which of the following is good procedure when contacting another station in a radio contest?

- A. Sign only the last two letters of your call if there are many other stations calling
- B. Contact the station twice to be sure that you are in his log
- C. Send only the minimum information needed for proper identification and the contest exchange
- D. All of these choices are correct

T8C05

What is a grid locator?

- A. A letter-number designator assigned to a geographic location
- B. A letter-number designator assigned to an azimuth and elevation
- C. An instrument for neutralizing a final amplifier
- D. An instrument for radio direction finding



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SUN

- **Solar Flares**
- **Coronal Mass Ejections**
 - Charged Particals
 - Spews Solar Plasma
 - 20 to 40 Hour to Affect Earth
 - Can Cause
 - Geomagnetic Disturbances (Storm)
 - Degrades HF Above or Below 45 Degrees
 - Aurora increase – Reflects VHF
 - Sudden Ionospheric Disturbances (D layer)
 - Raises the LUF
- **Measurement**
 - Sun Spot Number
 - Count of Sun Spots (Higher Better)
 - A Index
 - Long Term Magnetic Stability
 - K Index
 - Short Term Magnetic Stability
 - Solar Flux Index
 - Signal Strength at 10.7 cm or 28 GHz

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More SUN

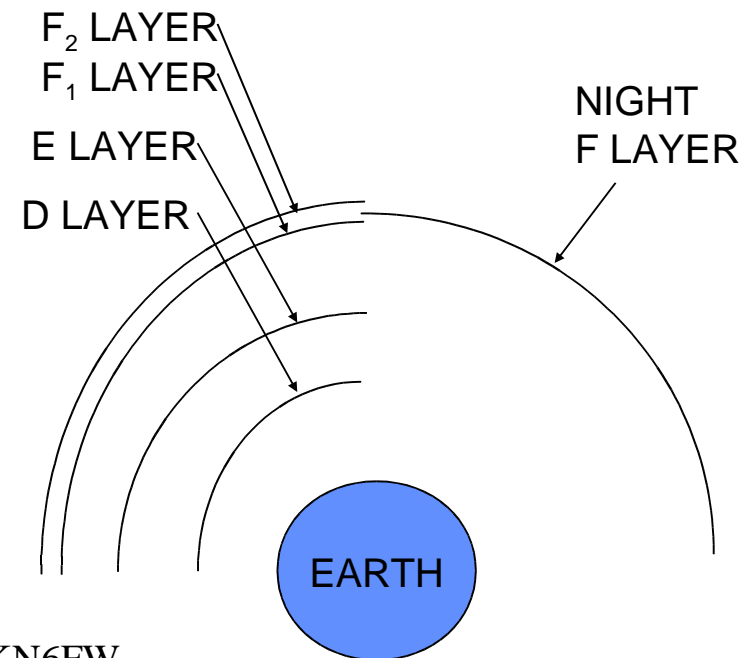
- **Sun's rotation on its axis**
 - 28 day cycle
 - Changes HF propagation

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IONIZATION

It's All the Sun's Fault

F Layer = Good guy
D Layer = Bad guy



KN6FW

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IONOSPHERE

- **Caused by**
 - Solar radiation
 - Ultraviolet
 - 8 Min from Sun to Earth
 - Sunspots
 - Higher the Better
 - Raises the MUF (10-15 Meters work)
 - 20 Meters and up Work Always
 - 11 year cycle
 - Max 2013-2014
- **Bends radio waves**
- **Max at midday Summer**
- **Min just before dawn**
- **Changes polarization**
- **Can cause delay fading**

T3A11

Which part of the atmosphere enables the propagation of radio signals around the world?

- A. The stratosphere
- B. The troposphere
- C. The ionosphere
- D. The magnetosphere

T3C02

Which of the following is an advantage of HF vs VHF and higher frequencies?

- A. HF antennas are generally smaller
- B. HF accommodates wider bandwidth signals
- C. Long distance ionospheric propagation is far more common on HF
- D. There is less atmospheric interference (static) on HF

T3C09

What is generally the best time for long-distance 10 meter band propagation via the F layer?

- A. From dawn to shortly after sunset during periods of high sunspot activity
- B. From shortly after sunset to dawn during periods of high sunspot activity
- C. From dawn to shortly after sunset during periods of low sunspot activity
- D. From shortly after sunset to dawn during periods of low sunspot activity

T3C10

Which of the following bands may provide long distance communications during the peak of the sunspot cycle?

- A. 6 or 10 meter bands
- B. 23 centimeter band
- C. 70 centimeter or 1.25 meter bands
- D. All of these choices are correct

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Sudden Ionospheric Disturbance

- **It disrupts signals on lower frequencies more than those on higher frequencies**
- **disturbance in the Earth's magnetosphere**

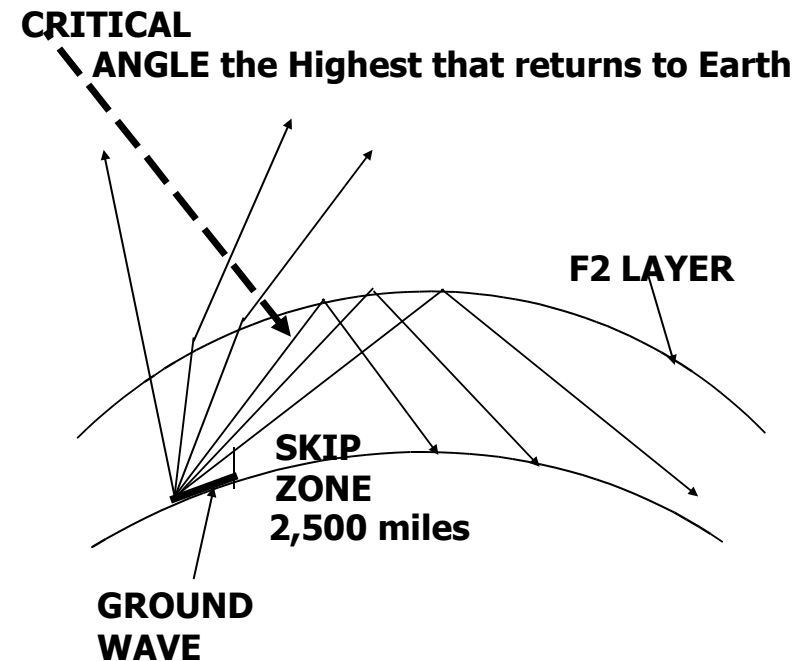
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PROPAGATION

- **Ground-wave**
 - Short range
- **Sky-wave**
 - Bounces off ionosphere
 - Changes polarization
 - Multi-paths (Cause Fading)
 - Multi-hop bounces multiple times
 - Long range
- **Skip zone**
 - No signal (Scatter Only)
 - Between ground wave and first bounce
- **Scatter**
 - E layer (1 Hop = 1,200 miles)

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SKIP ZONE



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Scatter

- **Not a nice reflector (Low Return)**
- **Weak signals (Power Scattered)**
- **Wavering sound (multi path)**
- **Gets into skip zone**
- **Gets thru above MUF**

T3A08

Which of the following is a likely cause of irregular fading of signals received by ionospheric reflection?

- A. Frequency shift due to Faraday rotation
- B. Interference from thunderstorms
- C. Random combining of signals arriving via different paths
- D. Intermodulation distortion

T3A09

Which of the following results from the fact that skip signals refracted from the ionosphere are elliptically polarized?

- A. Digital modes are unusable
- B. Either vertically or horizontally polarized antennas may be used for transmission or reception
- C. FM voice is unusable
- D. Both the transmitting and receiving antennas must be of the same polarization

MUF-LUF

Max usable frequency (MUF)

Highest frequency to return to earth

Best frequency just below MUF

Changes with ionization

Lowest usable frequency (LUF)

Absorbed by the D Layer

Beacon Stations

- **Propagation Signal**
- **100 Watt Max**
- **1 Transmitter per Location per Frequency**
- **Hearing the Signal Means You Can Communicate**
- **Listen for W W V Colorado or
W W V H Hawaii
on 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 MHZ**

T1A06 [97.3(a)(9)]

What is the FCC Part 97 definition of a beacon?

- A. A government transmitter marking the amateur radio band edges
- B. A bulletin sent by the FCC to announce a national emergency
- C. An amateur station transmitting communications for the purposes of observing propagation or related experimental activities
- D. A continuous transmission of weather information authorized in the amateur bands by the National Weather Service

VHF-UHF PROPAGATION

- **Line of sight**
- **Absorption by vegetation, fog or rain**
- **Ducting**
 - Tropospheric bounce
 - Drops off with increasing frequency
 - Zero to 11 miles up
 - Temperature inversion
 - High-pressure system
 - 2 meters
- **Meteor scatter**
 - Best on 6 Meters
- **Sky-wave**
 - Happens in good times
 - 6 and 2 meters
 - E region
 - Sporadic E
 - Short hop on 10 meters as an indicator

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T3C08

What causes tropospheric ducting?

- A. Discharges of lightning during electrical storms
- B. Sunspots and solar flares
- C. Updrafts from hurricanes and tornadoes
- D. Temperature inversions in the atmosphere

T3C04

Which of the following propagation types is most commonly associated with occasional strong over-the-horizon signals on the 10, 6, and 2 meter bands?

- A. Backscatter
- B. Sporadic E
- C. D layer absorption
- D. Gray-line propagation

T3C06

What mode is responsible for allowing over-the-horizon VHF and UHF communications to ranges of approximately 300 miles on a regular basis?

- A. Tropospheric ducting
- B. D layer refraction
- C. F2 layer refraction
- D. Faraday rotation

T3C07

What band is best suited for communicating via meteor scatter?

- A. 10 meter band
- B. 6 meter band
- C. 2 meter band
- D. 70 centimeter band

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VHF-UHF PROPAGATION

- Line of Sight
 - **Radio Horizon**
 - **Goes thru the Ionosphere**
 - Reflections
 - **Phase changes**
 - **Fading**
 - **Picket Fencing**
 - **Data errors**
 - **Auroral**
 - **Rapid Strength Changes**
 - **Sounds distorted**
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T3C01

Why are direct (not via a repeater) UHF signals rarely heard from stations outside your local coverage area?

- A. They are too weak to go very far
- B. FCC regulations prohibit them from going more than 50 miles
- C. UHF signals are usually not reflected by the ionosphere
- D. UHF signals are absorbed by the ionospheric D layer

T3C03

What is a characteristic of VHF signals received via auroral reflection?

- A. Signals from distances of 10,000 or more miles are common
- B. The signals exhibit rapid fluctuations of strength and often sound distorted
- C. These types of signals occur only during winter nighttime hours
- D. These types of signals are generally strongest when your antenna is aimed west

T3C11

Why do VHF and UHF radio signals usually travel somewhat farther than the visual line of sight distance between two stations?

- A. Radio signals move somewhat faster than the speed of light
- B. Radio waves are not blocked by dust particles
- C. The Earth seems less curved to radio waves than to light
- D. Radio waves are blocked by dust particles

VHF-UHF PROPAGATION 2

- Same Polarization Required
 - Repeaters are Vertical
 - Fields Electric – Magnetic
 - Electric = Polarization
- Short Wavelength
 - Penetrate Buildings
- Knife-edge
 - Refraction over sharp edges
 - Top of a hill

T3B02

What property of a radio wave is used to describe its polarization?

- A. The orientation of the electric field
- B. The orientation of the magnetic field
- C. The ratio of the energy in the magnetic field to the energy in the electric field
- D. The ratio of the velocity to the wavelength

T3B03

What are the two components of a radio wave?

- A. AC and DC
- B. Voltage and current
- C. Electric and magnetic fields
- D. Ionizing and non-ionizing radiation

T5C07

A radio wave is made up of what type of energy?

- A. Pressure
- B. Electromagnetic
- C. Gravity
- D. Thermal

T3A05

When using a directional antenna, how might your station be able to access a distant repeater if buildings or obstructions are blocking the direct line of sight path?

- A. Change from vertical to horizontal polarization
- B. Try to find a path that reflects signals to the repeater
- C. Try the long path
- D. Increase the antenna SWR

T3A06

What term is commonly used to describe the rapid fluttering sound sometimes heard from mobile stations that are moving while transmitting?

- A. Flip-flopping
- B. Picket fencing
- C. Frequency shifting
- D. Pulsing

T3A12

How might fog and light rain affect radio range on the 10 meter and 6 meter bands?

- A. Fog and rain absorb these wavelength bands
- B. Fog and light rain will have little effect on these bands
- C. Fog and rain will deflect these signals
- D. Fog and rain will increase radio range

T3A13

What weather condition would decrease range at microwave frequencies?

- A. High winds
- B. Low barometric pressure
- C. Precipitation
- D. Colder temperatures

T3C05

Which of the following effects might cause radio signals to be heard despite obstructions between the transmitting and receiving stations?

- A. Knife-edge diffraction
- B. Faraday rotation
- C. Quantum tunneling
- D. Doppler shift

T3A01

What should you do if another operator reports that your station's 2 meter signals were strong just a moment ago, but now they are weak or distorted?

- A. Change the batteries in your radio to a different type
- B. Turn on the CTCSS tone
- C. Ask the other operator to adjust his squelch control
- D. Try moving a few feet or changing the direction of your antenna if possible, as reflections may be causing multi-path distortion

T3A02

Why might the range of VHF and UHF signals be greater in the winter?

- A. Less ionospheric absorption
- B. Less absorption by vegetation
- C. Less solar activity
- D. Less tropospheric absorption

VHF WEAK-SIGNAL

- **CW**
 - Lowest bandwidth
- **SSB**
 - ½ an AM Signal
 - Low bandwidth
 - Upper sideband
- **Multi-mode radio required**
- **Antenna**
 - Horizontal polarized
 - Big
- **Tropospheric scatter**
 - About 300 Miles
- **Meteor scatter**
 - 6 Meters

T3A03

What antenna polarization is normally used for long-distance weak-signal CW and SSB contacts using the VHF and UHF bands?

- A. Right-hand circular
- B. Left-hand circular
- C. Horizontal
- D. Vertical

RF Interference 1

Fundamental overload

- Bad Receiver Design

Harmonics

- Transmitter Tuning

Spurious emissions

- Transmitter tuning
- Covers not in place

T7B03

Which of the following can cause radio frequency interference?

- A. Fundamental overload
- B. Harmonics
- C. Spurious emissions
- D. All of these choices are correct

RF Interference 2

• Audio devices

- Diodes make receivers
 - Oxidation counts too
- Bypass Caps Short-Out RF
- Ferrite Beads to Absorb RF
- Shielded Wire
- SSB - Sounds distorted
- CW - Clicks or Clicks & Hum

• Radio

- Broadband noise
 - Spark gap TX
 - Arcing
- Diodes make mixers too
 - Oxidation counts too

T6D12

Which of the following is a common reason to use shielded wire?

- A. To decrease the resistance of DC power connections
- B. To increase the current carrying capability of the wire
- C. To prevent coupling of unwanted signals to or from the wire
- D. To couple the wire to other signals

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RF Feedback

Some RF signal gets back into your radio's mic connection

- Garbled
- Distorted,
- Unintelligible voice

T7B11

What is a symptom of RF feedback in a transmitter or transceiver?

- A. Excessive SWR at the antenna connection
- B. The transmitter will not stay on the desired frequency
- C. Reports of garbled, distorted, or unintelligible voice transmissions
- D. Frequent blowing of power supply fuses

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TVI

- Television interference
- Check your TV first
- Harmonics
 - Channels depend on operating frequency
- Filters
 - High pass
 - On TV
 - Cuts HF frequencies
 - Low pass
 - On transmitter
 - Reduces harmonics
 - Band reject
 - Passes all but a small band
 - Keep 2 meters out of a TV
- Cable TV – Check all cableTV connectors
 - Can interfere with ham radio

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T7B06

Which of the following actions should you take if a neighbor tells you that your station's transmissions are interfering with their radio or TV reception?

- A. Make sure that your station is functioning properly and that it does not cause interference to your own radio or television when it is tuned to the same channel
- B. Immediately turn off your transmitter and contact the nearest FCC office for assistance
- C. Tell them that your license gives you the right to transmit and nothing can be done to reduce the interference
- D. Install a harmonic doubler on the output of your transmitter and tune it until the interference is eliminated

T7B12

What should be the first step to resolve cable TV interference from your ham radio transmission?

- A. Add a low-pass filter to the TV antenna input
- B. Add a high-pass filter to the TV antenna input
- C. Add a preamplifier to the TV antenna input
- D. Be sure all TV coaxial connectors are installed properly

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FILTERS

- **Low pass**
 - Passes frequencies below filter cut-off
 - Use on your transmitter
 - Reduces harmonic radiation
- **High pass**
 - Passes frequencies above filter cut-off
 - Use between antenna and TV set
 - **Not** needed on cable
- **Notch**
 - Removes a small piece of spectrum
- **Band pass**
 - Pass a small piece of spectrum
 - Used in receivers to tune the station you want
 - Rejects all frequencies except a small band

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T7B05

How can overload of a non-amateur radio or TV receiver by an amateur signal be reduced or eliminated?

- A. Block the amateur signal with a filter at the antenna input of the affected receiver
- B. Block the interfering signal with a filter on the amateur transmitter
- C. Switch the transmitter from FM to SSB
- D. Switch the transmitter to a narrow-band mode

T7B07

Which of the following can reduce overload to a VHF transceiver from a nearby FM broadcast station?

- A. RF preamplifier
- B. Double-shielded coaxial cable
- C. Using headphones instead of the speaker
- D. Band-reject filter

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Interference Not Your Fault

- **Telephone**
 - Poorly designed phones may receive radio signals
 - Line filters may help
 - Do not install it for anyone
- **Receiver Overload**
 - Poorly designed radios-TVs
 - Fundamental overload
- **Part 15 devices**
 - May cause interference

T7B09

What is a Part 15 device?

- A. An unlicensed device that may emit low-powered radio signals on frequencies used by a licensed service
- B. An amplifier that has been type-certified for amateur radio
- C. A device for long-distance communications using special codes sanctioned by the International Amateur Radio Union
- D. A type of test set used to determine whether a transmitter complies with FCC regulation 91.15

T7B02

What would cause a broadcast AM or FM radio to receive an amateur radio transmission unintentionally?

- A. The receiver is unable to reject strong signals outside the AM or FM band
- B. The microphone gain of the transmitter is turned up too high
- C. The audio amplifier of the transmitter is overloaded
- D. The deviation of an FM transmitter is set too low

T7B04

Which of the following is a way to reduce or eliminate interference from an amateur transmitter to a nearby telephone?

- A. Put a filter on the amateur transmitter
- B. Reduce the microphone gain
- C. Reduce the SWR on the transmitter transmission line
- D. Put an RF filter on the telephone

T7B08

What should you do if something in a neighbor's home is causing harmful interference to your amateur station?

- A. Work with your neighbor to identify the offending device
- B. Politely inform your neighbor about the rules that prohibit the use of devices that cause interference
- C. Check your station and make sure it meets the standards of good amateur practice
- D. All of these choices are correct

Audio Cable - RF

- RF can induce Current into Audio Cables
 - Place Clamp-on ferrite choke on Cable
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T4A09

Which of the following could you use to cure distorted audio caused by RF current on the shield of a microphone cable?

- A. Band-pass filter
- B. Low-pass filter
- C. Preamplifier
- D. Ferrite choke

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RF SAFETY

- RF CAN BURN
 - It feels like a burn not a shock
 - Keep antennas away from people
 - Antenna high and out of reach
- RF CAN HEAT
 - Microwave oven!
 - Heating is frequency dependent
 - You do **not** need to touch the antenna or feedline to heat the body
 - Very dangerous to eyes
 - *Cataracts*

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T0C07

What could happen if a person accidentally touched your antenna while you were transmitting?

- A. Touching the antenna could cause television interference
- B. They might receive a painful RF burn
- C. They might develop radiation poisoning
- D. All of these choices are correct

LIMITS SET?

- **MAXIMUM PERMITTED EXPOSURE (MPE)**

- How much heat should the body be exposed to?

- Whole-body specific absorption rate (sar)

- Controlled by

- Frequency
 - Distance from antenna
 - Power of the transmitter
 - Gain of the antenna
 - Time the transmitter is on
 - Type of modulation

T0C11

What is the definition of duty cycle during the averaging time for RF exposure?

- A. The difference between the lowest power output and the highest power output of a transmitter
- B. The difference between the PEP and average power output of a transmitter
- C. The percentage of time that a transmitter is transmitting
- D. The percentage of time that a transmitter is not transmitting

T0C13

If the averaging time for exposure is 6 minutes, how much power density is permitted if the signal is present for 3 minutes and absent for 3 minutes rather than being present for the entire 6 minutes?

- A. 3 times as much
- B. 1/2 as much
- C. 2 times as much
- D. There is no adjustment allowed for shorter exposure times

DEFINITIONS

- **CONTROLLED SPACE**
 - You and your family
 - 6 minute averaging
- **UNCONTROLLED SPACE**
 - Your neighbors
 - No control of exposure
 - 30 minute averaging
- **NONIONIZING RADIATION**
 - Electromagnetic
 - Radio
 - Below ultraviolet
 - Heats the body

T0C01

What type of radiation are VHF and UHF radio signals?

- A. Gamma radiation
- B. Ionizing radiation
- C. Alpha radiation
- D. Non-ionizing radiation

T0C12

How does RF radiation differ from ionizing radiation (radioactivity)?

- A. RF radiation does not have sufficient energy to cause genetic damage
- B. RF radiation can only be detected with an RF dosimeter
- C. RF radiation is limited in range to a few feet
- D. RF radiation is perfectly safe

T3A07

What type of wave carries radio signals between transmitting and receiving stations?

- A. Electromagnetic
- B. Electrostatic
- C. Surface acoustic
- D. Ferromagnetic

MEASUREMENT UNITS

- **ELECTRIC FIELD**
 - VOLTS per METER (V/m)
- **MAGNETIC FIELD**
 - AMPERES per METER (A/m)
- **POWER DENSITY**
 - MILLIWATTS² per CENTIMETER² (mW/cm²)
- **MAKING MEASUREMENTS?**
 - You can't!
 - Instruments are expensive
 - Reading affected by
 - The probe
 - People
 - Ground interaction
 - Other wires ---

T0C06

Which of the following is an acceptable method to determine that your station complies with FCC RF exposure regulations?

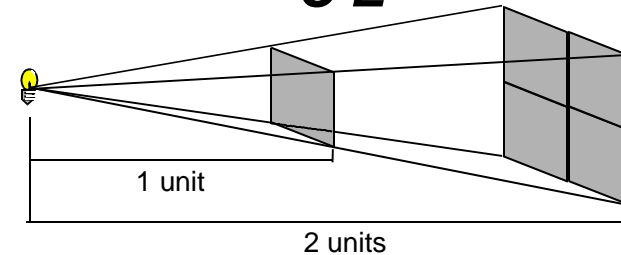
- A. By calculation based on FCC OET Bulletin 65
- B. By calculation based on computer modeling
- C. By measurement of field strength using calibrated equipment
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0C09

How can you make sure your station stays in compliance with RF safety regulations?

- A. By informing the FCC of any changes made in your station
- B. By re-evaluating the station whenever an item of equipment is changed
- C. By making sure your antennas have low SWR
- D. All of these choices are correct

POWER vs. DISTANCE



EXPOSURE POWER

- Inversely proportional to the distance squared
- Directly proportional to:
 - Transmitter power
 - Transmitter duty cycle
 - Antenna gain
 - Modulation Type
 - FM = Always on
 - CW = Only when keyed
 - SSB = Lowest

T0C04

What factors affect the RF exposure of people near an amateur station antenna?

- A. Frequency and power level of the RF field
- B. Distance from the antenna to a person
- C. Radiation pattern of the antenna
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0C10

Why is duty cycle one of the factors used to determine safe RF radiation exposure levels?

- A. It affects the average exposure of people to radiation
- B. It affects the peak exposure of people to radiation
- C. It takes into account the antenna feed line loss
- D. It takes into account the thermal effects of the final amplifier

MPE the FCC & YOU

- **FCC specifies exposure limits**
 - Specified in Part 97 & Part 1
 - You can
 - Measure the exposure
 - Calculate with computer programs
 - Calculate based on FCC Part 1 & Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65
 - Re-evaluate for any change of equipment
 - You have to indicate your understanding of the exposure limits on your 610 form
 - No records are required **-BUT**

What If? You Exceed MPE

- **Move Antenna**
 - **Reduce Power**
 - **Reduce Time On the Air**
 - **All To Reduce Human Exposure**
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T0C08

Which of the following actions might amateur operators take to prevent exposure to RF radiation in excess of FCC-supplied limits?

- A. Relocate antennas
- B. Relocate the transmitter
- C. Increase the duty cycle
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0C10

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COMMON SENSE and RF EXPOSURE

- **Keep antennas high & out of reach**
- **Keep people away from antennas**
- **Keep hand-held radio antennas away from your head & others**
- **Mount your mobile antenna on the roof of the car (rubber duck antennas don't work well in cars)**
- **Keep all shields in place**
- **Use coax not open line**
- **Use minimum power**
- **Turn off the transmitter before working on your antenna**
- **Keep exposure levels below limits**

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WHY, WHAT and EXCEPTIONS

- **Why**
 - So you won't cook your neighbors or your family
- **What**
 - Radio frequency 3 kHz to 300 GHz
 - Limits on 300 kHz to 100 GHz
 - Limits hardest 30 MHz to 300 MHz
 - body most sensitive
- **Exception**
 - Transmitters below 50 Watts (PEP)
 - 40 Meters and below 500 Watts

T0C02

Which of the following frequencies has the lowest value for Maximum Permissible Exposure limit?

- A. 3.5 MHz
- B. 50 MHz
- C. 440 MHz
- D. 1296 MHz

T0C03

What is the maximum power level that an amateur radio station may use at VHF frequencies before an RF exposure evaluation is required?

- A. 1500 watts PEP transmitter output
- B. 1 watt forward power
- C. 50 watts PEP at the antenna
- D. 50 watts PEP reflected power

T0C05

Why do exposure limits vary with frequency?

- A. Lower frequency RF fields have more energy than higher frequency fields
- B. Lower frequency RF fields do not penetrate the human body
- C. Higher frequency RF fields are transient in nature
- D. The human body absorbs more RF energy at some frequencies than at others

Tower 1

Installation

Stay away from Power wires

10 Ft Space in any Direction

Max height **200 ft**

Check height limit near Airport

Use Gin Pole to add sections

Guy wires per manufacturers
instructions

Use Stainless steel hardware

Ground each leg to a Ground
rod. Bond everything, do not
solder

Safety wire turnbuckles

Tower 2

Climbing

Turn off everything on the tower

Point D ring hooks away from tower

Safety belt

Hard Hat

Safety Glasses

Helper Required

Check for Damage

Check Guy wires

Check Turnbuckle safety wire

Not in a Lightning storm

Crank-up tower when down or
locked

T0B04

Which of the following is an important safety precaution to observe when putting up an antenna tower?

- A. Wear a ground strap connected to your wrist at all times
- B. Insulate the base of the tower to avoid lightning strikes
- C. Look for and stay clear of any overhead electrical wires
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0B06

What is the minimum safe distance from a power line to allow when installing an antenna?

- A. Half the width of your property
- B. The height of the power line above ground
- C. 1/2 wavelength at the operating frequency
- D. Enough so that if the antenna falls unexpectedly, no part of it can come closer than 10 feet to the power wires

T0B05

What is the purpose of a gin pole?

- A. To temporarily replace guy wires
- B. To be used in place of a safety harness
- C. To lift tower sections or antennas
- D. To provide a temporary ground

T0B07

Which of the following is an important safety rule to remember when using a crank-up tower?

- A. This type of tower must never be painted
- B. This type of tower must never be grounded
- C. This type of tower must not be climbed unless retracted or mechanical safety locking devices have been installed
- D. All of these choices are correct

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T0B01

When should members of a tower work team wear a hard hat and safety glasses?

- A. At all times except when climbing the tower
- B. At all times except when belted firmly to the tower
- C. At all times when any work is being done on the tower
- D. Only when the tower exceeds 30 feet in height

T0B02

What is a good precaution to observe before climbing an antenna tower?

- A. Make sure that you wear a grounded wrist strap
- B. Remove all tower grounding connections
- C. Put on a carefully inspected climbing harness(fall arrester) and safety glasses
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0B03

Under what circumstances is it safe to climb a tower without a helper or observer?

- A. When no electrical work is being performed
- B. When no mechanical work is being performed
- C. When the work being done is not more than 20 feet above the ground
- D. Never

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T0B08

What is considered to be a proper grounding method for a tower?

- A. A single four-foot ground rod, driven into the ground no more than 12 inches from the base
- B. A ferrite-core RF choke connected between the tower and ground
- C. Separate eight-foot long ground rods for each tower leg, bonded to the tower and each other
- D. A connection between the tower base and a cold water pipe

T0B13

What is the purpose of a safety wire through a turnbuckle used to tension guy lines?

- A. Secure the guy if the turnbuckle breaks
- B. Prevent loosening of the guy line from vibration
- C. Prevent theft or vandalism
- D. Deter unauthorized climbing of the tower

T0B12

Which of the following is good practice when installing ground wires on a tower for lightning protection?

- A. Put a loop in the ground connection to prevent water damage to the ground system
- B. Make sure that all bends in the ground wires are clean, right-angle bends
- C. Ensure that connections are short and direct
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0B09

Why should you avoid attaching an antenna to a utility pole?

- A. The antenna will not work properly because of induced voltages
- B. The utility company will charge you an extra monthly fee
- C. The antenna could contact high-voltage power lines
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0B13

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MECHANICAL SAFETY

Safety equipment

Safety belt

Hard hat

Safety glasses

Power lines

Tower Climbing

Get someone to help you

Make sure they have a hard hat and safety glasses

Be sure the tower is in good shape

Get everything you need before climbing

Check tower guy wires

Frayed wires

Loose cables

Loose turnbuckles

Loose anchors

Rusty cable

Climb **crank**-up towers only when Down

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STATION SAFETY

Ground all equipment

Water pipe (plastic)

8' copper clad ground rod

AC power

National electrical code

12 gage good for 20 Amps

14 gage good for 15 Amps

Fuse the hot side

Do not over fuse

Ground-fault

Color code

Black = hot

White = neutral

Green or copper = safety ground

AC plug

Brass screw = hot

Silver screw = neutral

Green screw = safety ground

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T0A03

In the United States, what is connected to the green wire in a three-wire electrical AC plug?

- A. Neutral
- B. Hot
- C. Equipment ground
- D. The white wire

T0A06

What is a good way to guard against electrical shock at your station?

- A. Use three-wire cords and plugs for all AC powered equipment
- B. Connect all AC powered station equipment to a common safety ground
- C. Use a circuit protected by a ground-fault interrupter
- D. All of these choices are correct

Lightning

Disconnect & Ground Antennas

Unplug Equipment

Bond all grounds

Use Coax Lighting Protectors

- Mount on Metal Plate
- Connect Plate to Ground

Short and direct grounds

No sharp turns (very high frequency)

Ground per local electrical codes

T0B11

Which of the following establishes grounding requirements for an amateur radio tower or antenna?

- A. FCC Part 97 Rules
- B. Local electrical codes
- C. FAA tower lighting regulations
- D. UL recommended practices

T0A07

Which of these precautions should be taken when installing devices for lightning protection in a coaxial cable feed line?

- A. Include a parallel bypass switch for each protector so that it can be switched out of the circuit when running high power
- B. Include a series switch in the ground line of each protector to prevent RF overload from inadvertently damaging the protector
- C. Keep the ground wires from each protector separate and connected to station ground
- D. Mount all of the protectors on a metal plate that is in turn connected to an external ground rod

T0A09

What should be done to all external ground rods or earth connections?

- A. Waterproof them with silicone caulk or electrical tape
- B. Keep them as far apart as possible
- C. Bond them together with heavy wire or conductive strap
- D. Tune them for resonance on the lowest frequency of operation

Ground

Rod in the Ground

Should be one point

Ground loop

National Electrical Code

Electrical safety

RF

SHORT run of flat strap

No sharp turns

Avoid resonant length

T0B10

Which of the following is true when installing grounding conductors used for lightning protection?

- A. Only non-insulated wire must be used
- B. Wires must be carefully routed with precise right-angle bends
- C. Sharp bends must be avoided
- D. Common grounds must be avoided

T4A08

Which of the following conductors provides the lowest impedance to RF signals?

- A. Round stranded wire
- B. Round copper-clad steel wire
- C. Twisted-pair cable
- D. Flat strap

AC Power

Use ground fault interrupters

Check the current going out &
the current coming back

They should be the same

If not the GFI turns off

Gas Generator

Produce carbon monoxide

Use gasoline

Fill only when off

Do not back feed PG&E

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Know how to turn off the power!

Install a disconnect switch

CPR

Remove the power

Get help

CPR

Current

1/500 of an Amp painful

1/10 of an Amp can be fatal

Heart stops

Disrupts the electrical functions of cells

Causes involuntary muscle contractions

No rings, bracelets

Voltage

30 volts dangerous

No loose jewelry

Capacitors hold a charge for a long time

Short them out after the power is off

Fuse

Protects Circuit and You

Use the correct rating

T0A02

What health hazard is presented by electrical current flowing through the body?

- A. It may cause injury by heating tissue
- B. It may disrupt the electrical functions of cells
- C. It may cause involuntary muscle contractions
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0A04

What is the purpose of a fuse in an electrical circuit?

- A. To prevent power supply ripple from damaging a circuit
- B. To interrupt power in case of overload
- C. To limit current to prevent shocks
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0A05

Why is it unwise to install a 20-ampere fuse in the place of a 5-ampere fuse?

- A. The larger fuse would be likely to blow because it is rated for higher current
- B. The power supply ripple would greatly increase
- C. Excessive current could cause a fire
- D. All of these choices are correct

T0A08

What safety equipment should always be included in home-built equipment that is powered from 120V AC power circuits?

- A. A fuse or circuit breaker in series with the AC hot conductor
- B. An AC voltmeter across the incoming power source
- C. An inductor in parallel with the AC power source
- D. A capacitor in series with the AC power source

POWER SUPPLIES

12 VDC (13.8 V)

New Radios

Great for mobile

Noise filter

“Power supply” 117VAC

Regulated to 13.8 Volts

Radios Don't Like Over
Voltage

Use under size power supply +
a gel-cell battery

Cost less

Works when the power fails

Transmitting draws a lot of
power

Receiving draws minimal
power

Connectors

UHF – PL259

Up to 150 MHz (BAD)

seal against water if outside

N

Up to 10 GHz

seal against water if outside

SMA

Small Threaded GHz

DB 9

Computer

Newer Radios

USB

Computer

RCA - Phono

Audio

Keyed Connectors

Prevent incorrect mating

T9B06

Which of the following connectors is most suitable for frequencies above 400 MHz?

- A. A UHF (PL-259/SO-239) connector
- B. A Type N connector
- C. An RS-213 connector
- D. A DB-25 connector

T9B07

Which of the following is true of PL-259 type coax connectors?

- A. They are preferred for microwave operation
- B. They are watertight
- C. They are commonly used at HF frequencies
- D. They are a bayonet type connector

MISC

T7A02

What is a transceiver?

- A. A type of antenna switch
- B. A unit combining the functions of a transmitter and a receiver
- C. A component in a repeater that filters out unwanted interference
- D. A type of antenna matching network

T8D10 (D)

Which of the following operating activities is supported by digital mode software in the WSJT suite?

- A. Moonbounce or Earth-Moon-Earth
- B. Weak-signal propagation beacons
- C. Meteor scatter

D. All of these choices are correct

All of the above answers a wrong 39 times
and correct 18 times

If you don't know don't choose (D)

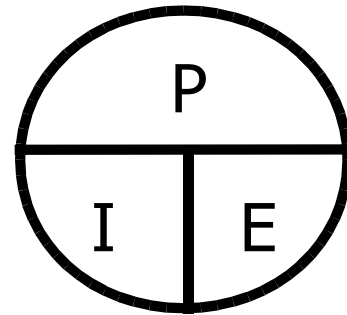
The End?

If You Feel Good With the Tech Questions.

Then the Next 48 Slides may Help You to Pass the General Test!

POWER LAW

$$P = E I$$



$$I = \frac{P}{E}$$

$$E = \frac{P}{I}$$

OTHER FORMS

$$P = \frac{E^2}{R}$$

$$P = I^2 R$$

$$E = \sqrt{P R}$$

$$I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}$$

Peak Envelope Power

PEP is the RMS Power at max Modulation

Sneaky trick

G5B11

What is the ratio of peak envelope power to average power for an unmodulated carrier?

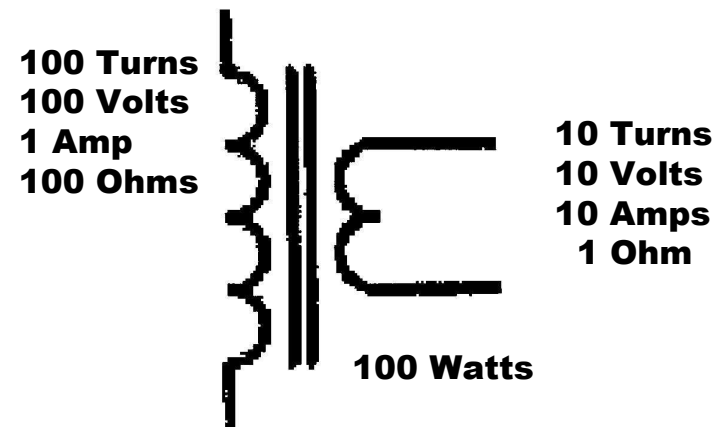
B. 1.00

G5B13

What is the output PEP of an unmodulated carrier if an average reading wattmeter connected to the transmitter output indicates 1060 watts?

B. 1060 watts

Transformer Z



Z Ratio = 100 Turns Ratio = 10

Square root of 100 = 10

G5C07

What is the turns ratio of a transformer used to match an audio amplifier having 600 ohm output impedance to a speaker having 4 ohm impedance?

A. 12.2 to 1

Impedance Matching 2

LC network

Pi-network

Transformer

Length of transmission line

G5A11

Which of the following describes one method of impedance matching between two AC circuits?

A. Insert an LC network between the two circuits

G5A13

Which of the following devices can be used for impedance matching at radio frequencies?

A. A transformer

B. A Pi-network

C. A length of transmission line

D. All of these choices are correct

Solar Panels

Sun required

Photovoltaic conversion

About 20% Efficient

About .5 Volts per Cell

Diode required to not discharge
battery into dark panels

G4E08

What is the name of the process by which sunlight is changed directly into electricity?

A. Photovoltaic conversion

G4E09

What is the approximate open-circuit voltage from a fully illuminated silicon photovoltaic cell?

B. 0.5 VDC

G4E10

What is the reason that a series diode is connected between a solar panel and a storage battery that is being charged by the panel?

B. The diode prevents self-discharge of the battery
though the panel during times of low or no illumination

Wind Power

Good source of high power
Noise

The wind is unpredictable
Need battery back-up

G4E11

Which of the following is a disadvantage of using wind as the primary source of power for an emergency station?

C. A large energy storage system is needed to supply power when the wind is not blowing

Peak Inverse Voltage

The Voltage Across A Diode B4 it smokes

Half-wave power supply

2X Output Voltage

The Voltage on the Filter + AC

Full-wave power supply

2 Diodes in series

1X Output Voltage

G7A04

What is the peak-inverse-voltage across the rectifier in a half-wave power supply?

D. Two times the normal peak output voltage of the power supply

G7A03

What is the peak-inverse-voltage across the rectifiers in a full-wave bridge power supply?

D. Equal to the normal peak output voltage of the power supply

Switching Power Supply

Uses High Frequency

About 100 KHz

More Efficient

Smaller

Smaller Parts

Needs Better Caps

Low Series Resistance

G7A08

Which of the following is an advantage of a switchmode power supply as compared to a linear power supply?

C. High frequency operation allows the use of smaller components

Neutralization

Stops Self-oscillations

Negative Feedback

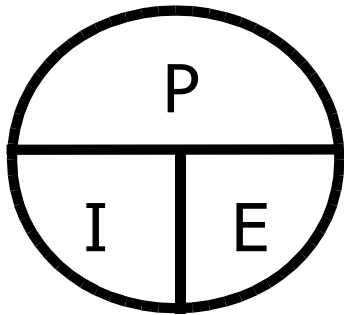
G7B13

What is the reason for neutralizing the final amplifier stage of a transmitter?

B. To eliminate self-oscillations

POWER LAW

$$P = E I$$



$$I = \frac{P}{E}$$

$$E = \frac{P}{I}$$

OTHER FORMS

$$P = \frac{E^2}{R}$$

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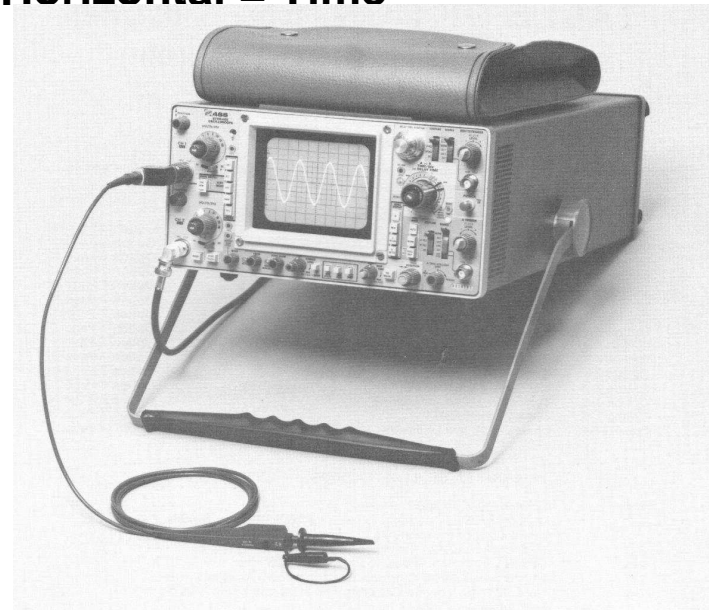
$$E = \sqrt{P R}$$

$$I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}$$

Oscilloscope

Vertical = Voltage

Horizontal = Time



G4B01

What item of test equipment contains horizontal and vertical channel amplifiers?

D. An oscilloscope

Integrated Circuits 2

Digital

- TTL
 - Older
 - + 5 volt
- CMOS
 - Low power
 - Fast

G6B03

Which of the following is an advantage of CMOS integrated circuits compared to TTL integrated circuits?

- A. Low power consumption
- B. High power handling capability

Some CMOS also have higher power handling capability

BAD QUESTION 74AC series + or – 24 mA

74TTL series + .8mA , - 16mA

Answer is A but B is true also

Memory

- Non-volatile
 - Does not forget
 - Flash
 - ROM
 - Read only memory
 - EEPROM
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G6B05

What is meant when memory is characterized as non-volatile?

- C. The stored information is maintained even if power is removed

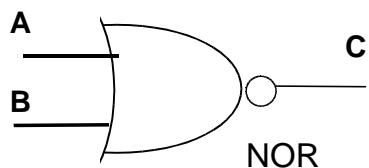
G6B04

What is meant by the term ROM?

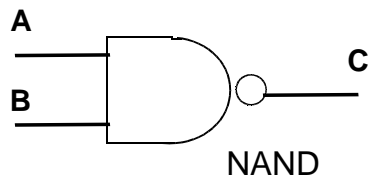
- B. Read Only Memory

Gates

A	B	C
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0



A	B	C
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



G7B03

Which of the following describes the function of a two input AND gate?

B. Output is high only when both inputs are high

G7B04

Which of the following describes the function of a two input NOR gate?

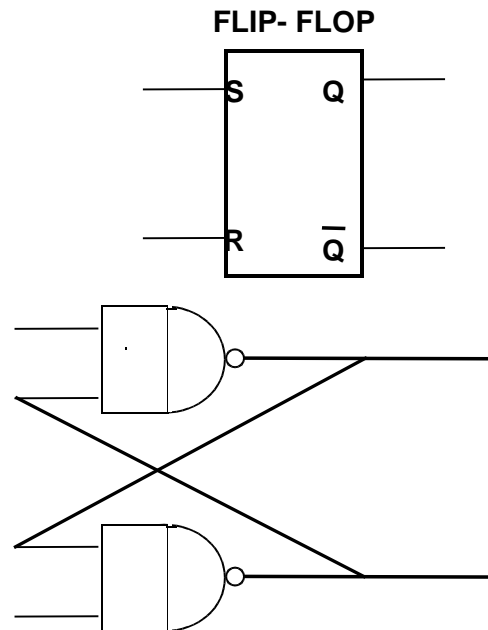
C. Output is low when either or both inputs are high

DECIMAL BINARY

0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
6	0110
7	0111
8	1000
9	1001
10	1010
11	1011
12	1100
13	1101
14	1110
15	1111

Flip - Flop

2 State device

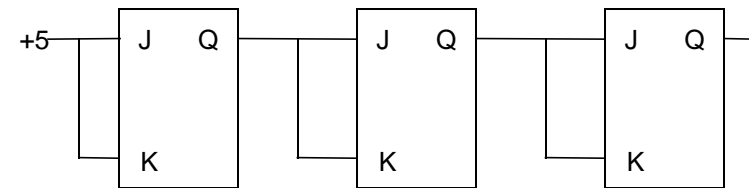


Binary Counter

Binary 0-1 or on – off

3 Bit counter has 8 states

$$2^3 = 8$$



G7B02

Which of the following is an advantage of using the binary system when processing digital signals?

- A. Binary "ones" and "zeros" are easy to represent by an "on" or "off" state

G7B05

How many states does a 3-bit binary counter have?

- C. 8

Shift Register

Moves data 1 step at a time

Serial to parallel converter

Bucket brigade

G7B06

What is a shift register?

A. A clocked array of circuits that passes data in steps along the array

International Telecommunications Union

Frequency use in Regions

Wavelength band	ITU Region 1	ITU Region 2	ITU Region 3
<i>MF</i>	<i>kHz</i>		
160 m	1810-1850	1800-2000	1800-2000
<i>HF</i>	<i>MHz</i>		
80 m	3.50-3.60	3.50-3.60	3.50-3.60
75 m	3.60-3.80	3.60-4.00	3.60-3.90
40 m	7.0-7.2	7.0-7.3	7.0-7.2
30 m	10.10-10.15	10.10-10.15	10.10-10.15
20 m	14.00-14.35	14.00-14.35	14.00-14.35
17 m	18.068-18.168	18.068-18.168	18.068-18.168
15 m	21.00-21.45	21.00-21.45	21.00-21.45
12 m	24.89-24.99	24.89-24.99	24.89-24.99
10 m	28.0-29.7	28.0-29.7	28.0-29.7

G1A14 [97.301(d)]

In what ITU region is operation in the 7.175 to 7.300 MHz band permitted for a control operator holding an FCC issued General Class license?

B. Region 2

Power Out

Most band 1500 Watts PEP

100 Watts ERP referred to a dipole antenna on 60 Meters

Any other Antenna must be logged and not
Exceed 100 W ERP

200 Watts PEP on 30 Meters - 10 MHz

100 Watts on Beacons

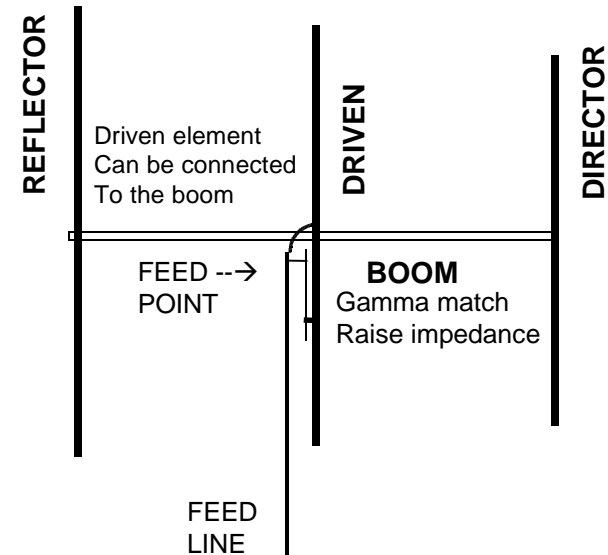
Use only power required Communicate

Check FCC rules for other limits

G2D07 [97.303(i)]

**Which of the following is required by the FCC rules
when operating in the 60-meter band?**

**A. If you are using other than a dipole antenna, you must
keep a record of the gain of your antenna**



G9C11

**What is the purpose of a gamma match used with
Yagi antennas?**

**A. To match the relatively low feed point impedance
to 50 ohms**

G9C12

**Which of the following is an advantage of using a
gamma match for impedance matching of a Yagi antenna
to 50 ohm coax feed line?**

**A. It does not require that the elements be insulated
from the boom**

Yagi's Can Be Stacked

About 3 dB Gain

More Gain Means Tighter Beam
Width

G9C09

How does the gain of two 3-element horizontally polarized Yagi antennas spaced vertically 1/2 wavelength apart typically compare to the gain of a single 3-element Yagi?

B. Approximately 3 dB higher

G9D05

What is an advantage of vertical stacking of horizontally polarized Yagi antennas?

D. It narrows the main lobe in elevation

Log Periodic Antenna

Wide Bandwidth

Less Gain than a Yagi

All Elements Driven

Element Lengths logarithmic

G9D06

Which of the following is an advantage of a log periodic antenna?

A. Wide bandwidth

G9D07

Which of the following describes a log periodic antenna?

A. Length and spacing of the elements increase logarithmically from one end of the boom to the other

HF Mobile Antennas

Ground ?

The Car

Length

Loaded

Narrow Bandwidth

Corona Ball

Tip of antenna

High voltage point

G4E02

What is the purpose of a corona ball on a HF mobile antenna?

D. To reduce high voltage discharge from the tip of the antenna

G4E05

Which of the following most limits the effectiveness of an HF mobile transceiver operating in the 75-meter band?

C. The antenna system

G4E06

What is one disadvantage of using a shortened mobile antenna as opposed to a full size antenna?

C. Operating bandwidth may be very limited

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OPEN LINE

- **Balanced**
 - 300 Ohms and up
 - **Impedance Controlled By**
 - **Diameter of Conductors**
 - **Space Between Conductors**
- **Low loss**
 - Can be effected by weather
- **Must be isolated from other conductors**
- **May require an impedance match**
 - Balun to match standard 50 ohm unbalanced coax
 - Located at the antenna
- **Can radiate a signal**

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G9A01

Which of the following factors determine the characteristic impedance of a parallel conductor antenna feed line?

A. The distance between the centers of the conductors and the radius of the conductors

G9A03

What is the characteristic impedance of flat ribbon TV type twinlead?

D. 300 ohms

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SEPARATION Between Stations

**About same or a bit more
Than the bandwidth of the signal**

G2B04

When selecting a CW transmitting frequency, what minimum separation should be used to minimize interference to stations on adjacent frequencies?

B. 150 to 500 Hz

G2B05

What is the customary minimum frequency separation between SSB signals under normal conditions?

B. Approximately 3 kHz

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Amateur Auxiliary

“COPS” “OO”

G2D01

What is the Amateur Auxiliary to the FCC?

A. Amateur volunteers who are formally enlisted to monitor the airwaves for rules violations

G2D02

Which of the following are objectives of the Amateur Auxiliary?

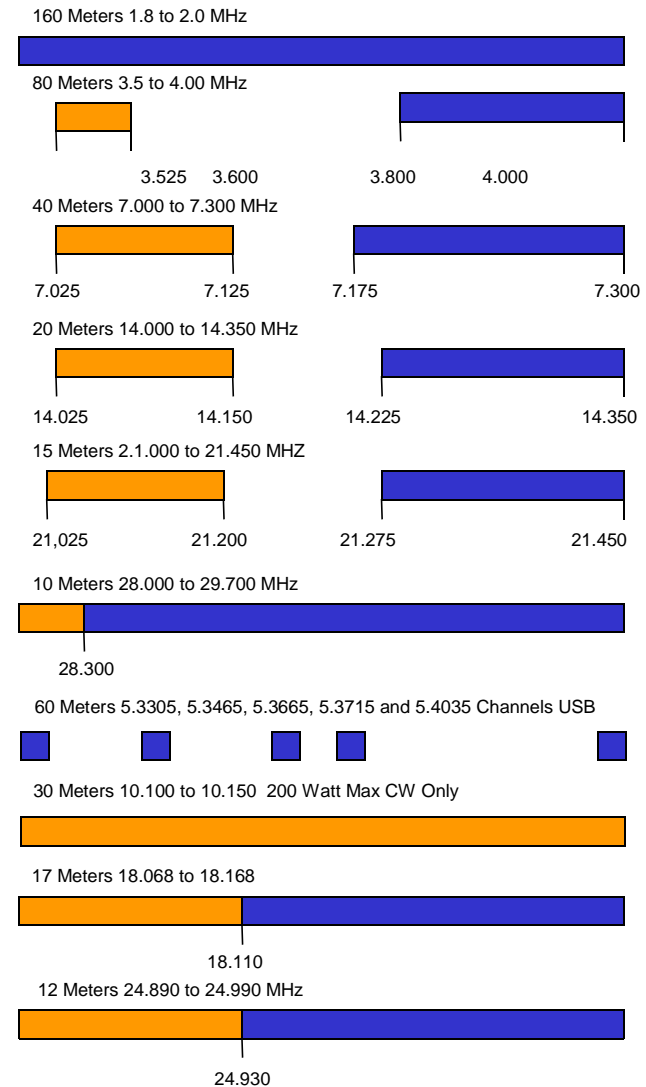
B. To encourage self-regulation and compliance with the rules by radio amateur operators

G2D03

What skills learned during hidden transmitter hunts are of help to the Amateur Auxiliary?

B. Direction finding used to locate stations violating FCC Rules

General HF Frequencies



General Bands 80,40,20,15

Never start with .000
Phone band ends at the upper band edge

Always missing a small piece of the band at
the lower end of the CW and Phone sections

About ½ of the band is CW (the lower end)
Bands are about .3 MHz to .5 MHz wide

G1A11 [97.301]

When General Class licensees are not permitted to use the entire voice portion of a particular band, which portion of the voice segment is generally available to them?

B. The upper frequency end

G1A01 [97.301(d)]

On which of the following bands is a General Class license holder granted all amateur frequency privileges?

C. 160, 60, 30, 17, 12, and 10 meters

G1A02 [97.305]

On which of the following bands is phone operation prohibited?

B. 30 meters

LOG

**Required Only if Antenna not a Dipole
on 60 Meters**

Helps if the FCC Asks ...

History of Contacts

Frequency, Time, Date and Call Sign

G2D08

What is a reason why many amateurs keep a station log?

D. To help with a reply if the FCC requests information

G2D09

What information is traditionally contained in a station log?

A. Date and time of contact

B. Band and/or frequency of the contact

C. Call sign of station contacted and the signal report given

D. All of these choices are correct

RF in the Shack

BAD

Resonant Ground

Keep Grounds Short

High Impedance

Ground Everything (No Loops)

G4C05

What might be the problem if you receive an RF burn when touching your equipment while transmitting on an HF band, assuming the equipment is connected to a ground rod?

D. The ground wire has high impedance on that frequency

G4C06

What effect can be caused by a resonant ground connection?

C. High RF voltages on the enclosures of station equipment

G4C07

What is one good way to avoid unwanted effects of stray RF energy in an amateur station?

A. Connect all equipment grounds together

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Digital Signal Processor

Very Fancy Filter

Bandwidths and Shapes

Remove Noise from Signal

Automatic Notching

G4C13

Which of the following can perform automatic notching of interfering carriers?

B. A Digital Signal Processor (DSP) filter

G4C11

Which of the following is a function of a digital signal processor?

B. To remove noise from received signals

G4C12

Which of the following is an advantage of a receiver DSP IF filter as compared to an analog filter?

A. A wide range of filter bandwidths and shapes can be created

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Tuning a Tube Final

Dip the Plate Current

Output Tuned to the Frequency

Increase the coupling to not exceed the Tubes Rating

G4A04

What reading on the plate current meter of a vacuum tube RF power amplifier indicates correct adjustment of the plate tuning control?

B. A pronounced dip

G4A08

What is the correct adjustment for the load or coupling control of a vacuum tube RF power amplifier?

D. Maximum power output without exceeding maximum allowable plate current

Two Tone Test

**Two non-harmonically related
Audio Signals**

Used to check Linearity

G4B15

What type of transmitter performance does a two-tone test analyze?

A. Linearity

G4B07

What signals are used to conduct a two-tone test?

B. Two non-harmonically related audio signals

Bandwidth Used

Depends on Modulation
Check Band Edge

USB

About 3 kHz above the carrier

LSB

About 3 kHz below the carrier

CW

About 150 Hz about the carrier

G4D08

What frequency range is occupied by a 3 kHz LSB signal when the displayed carrier frequency is set to 7.178 MHz?

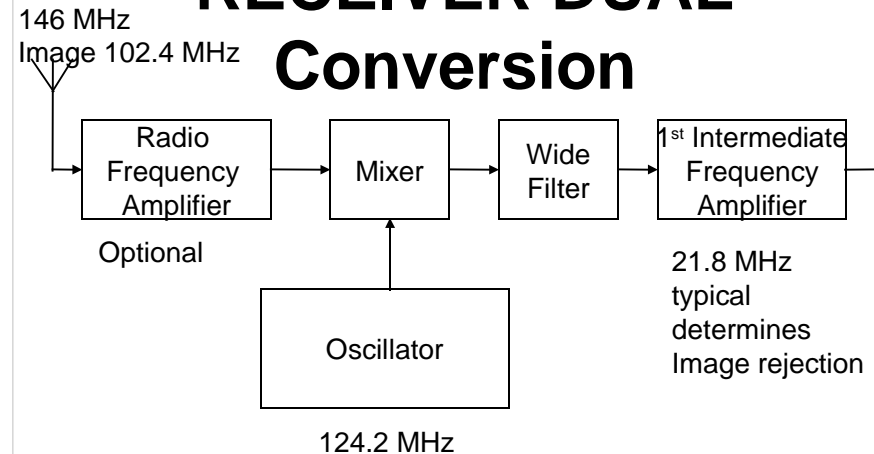
C. 7.175 to 7.178 MHz

G4D09

What frequency range is occupied by a 3 kHz USB signal with the displayed carrier frequency set to 14.347 MHz?

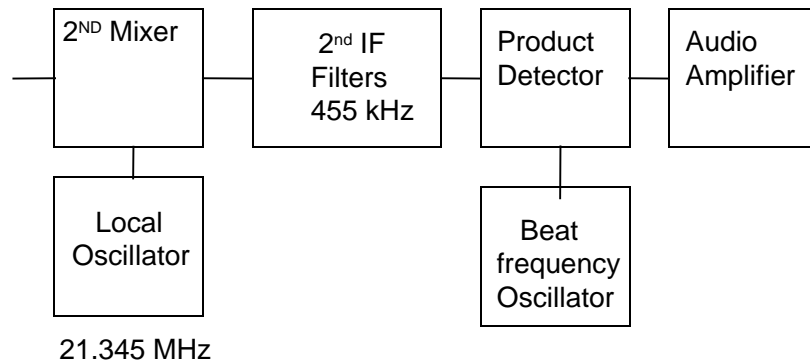
B. 14.347 to 14.350 MHz

SUPERHETERODYNE RECEIVER DUAL Conversion



- **Basic part of any receiver**
- **Front End of “Most” Receivers**
- **Just add**
 - 2nd IF
 - Filters
 - Detector
 - Audio Stage

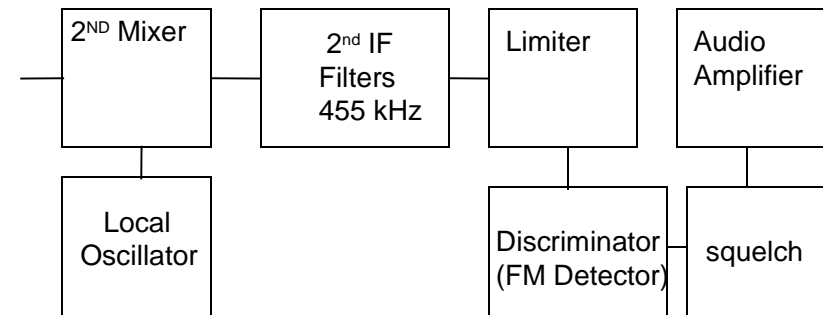
CW – SSB RECEIVER



- **BFO inserts a signal to make a tone for CW**
- **BFO provides the carrier for SSB**
- **2nd IF Filter determine the bandwidth of the receiver**
- **Bandwidth of Filter to Match Mode**
 - Reduces signal to noise ratio

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FM RECEIVER



- **Limiter removes any amplitude changes**
 - Eliminates man made noise
- **Discriminator converts frequency change to audio**
- **Squelch mutes noise**

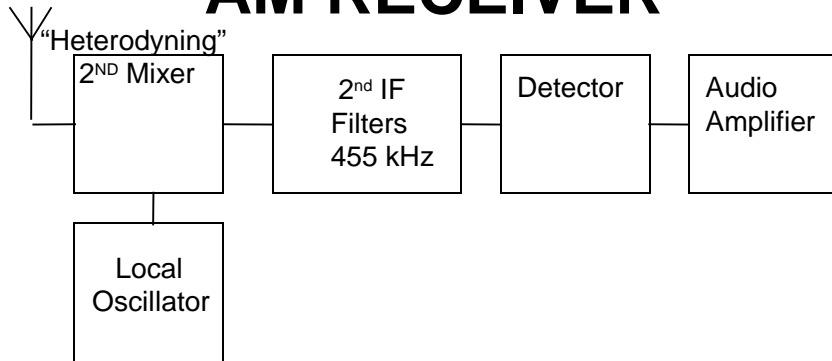
G7C08

What type of circuit is used in many FM receivers to convert signals coming from the IF amplifier to audio?

D. Discriminator

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AM RECEIVER



- Antique method like CW with none of the advantages
- Uses about 2X bandwidth of SSB
- Is susceptible to noise

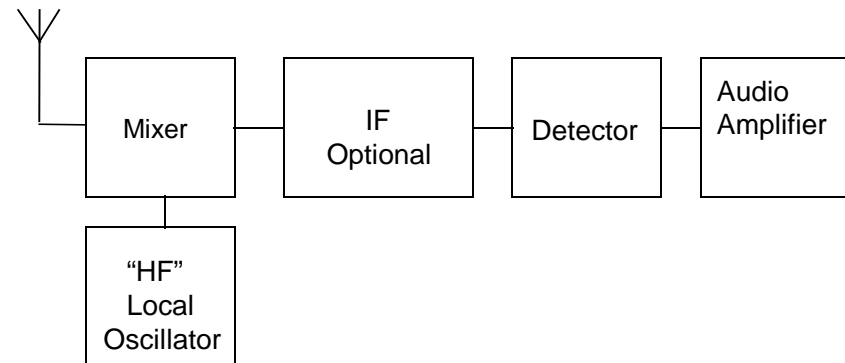
G8B03

What is another term for the mixing of two RF signals?

A. Heterodyning

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Simple Superheterodyne Receiver



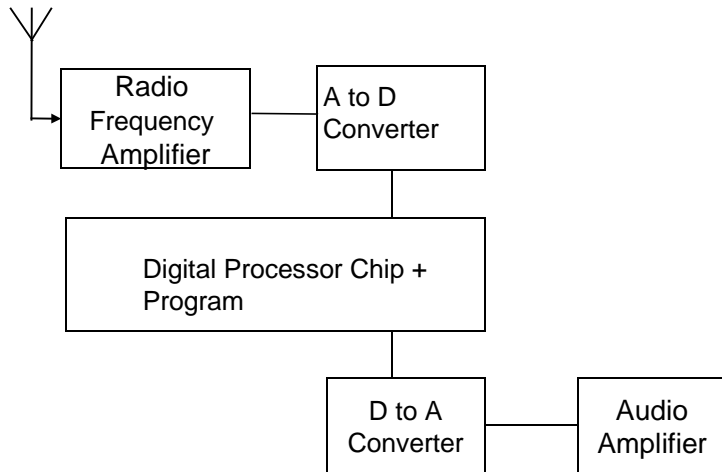
G7C07

What is the simplest combination of stages that implement a superheterodyne receiver?

C. HF oscillator, mixer, detector

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Software Defined Radio

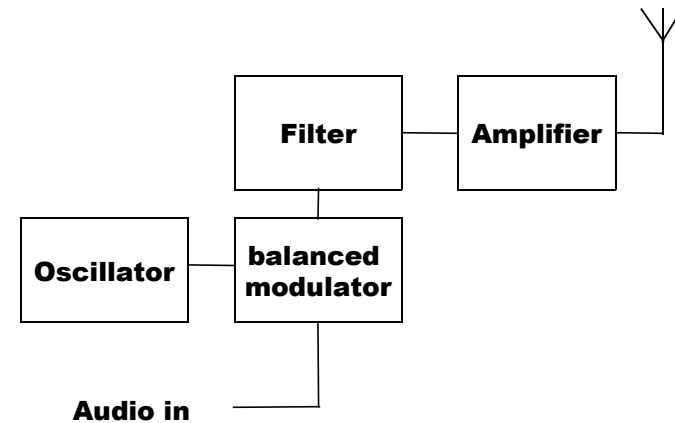


G7C09

Which of the following is needed for a Digital Signal Processor IF filter?

- A. An analog to digital converter
- B. A digital to analog converter
- C. A digital processor chip
- D. All of the these choices are correct

SSB TX



G7C01

Which of the following is used to process signals from the balanced modulator then send them to the mixer in some single sideband phone transmitters?

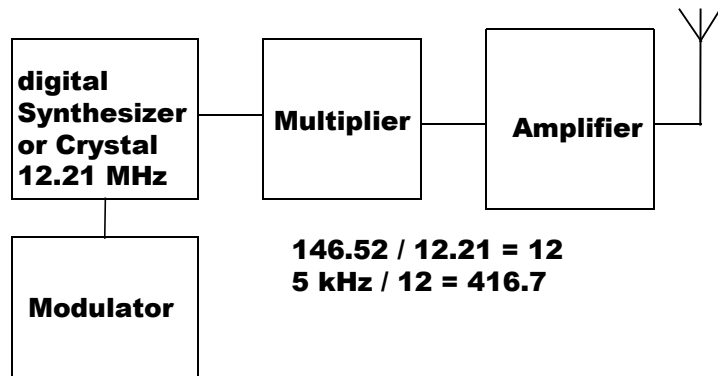
- B. Filter

G7C02

Which circuit is used to combine signals from the carrier oscillator and speech amplifier then send the result to the filter in some single sideband phone transmitters?

- D. Balanced modulator

FM TX



G7C05

Which of the following is an advantage of a transceiver controlled by a direct digital synthesizer (DDS)?

D. Variable frequency with the stability of a crystal oscillator

G8B07

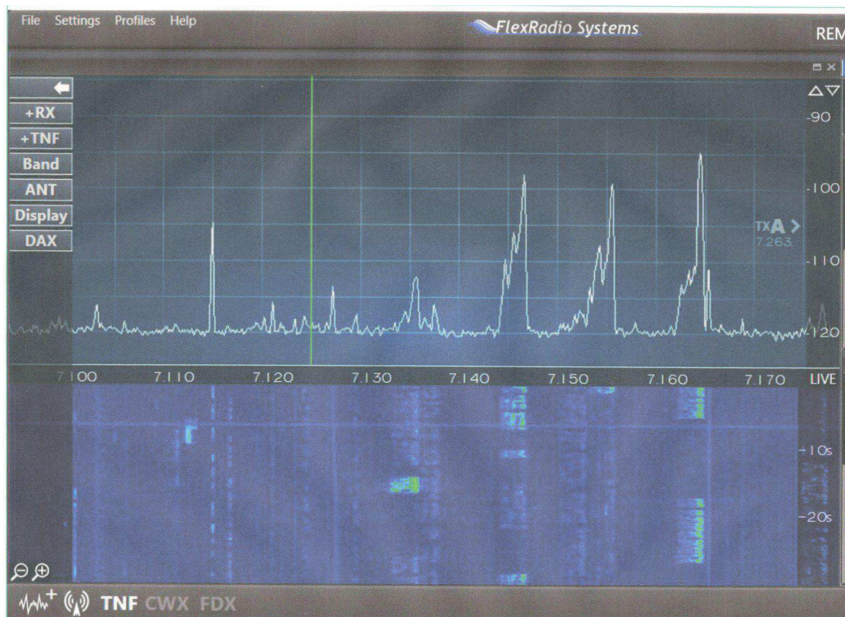
What is the frequency deviation for a 12.21 MHz reactance modulated oscillator in a 5 kHz deviation, 146.52 MHz FM phone transmitter?

B. 416.7 Hz

CW ... _ .._ .._.

- AR = End Formal message
- RST with a C = Chirpy or unstable signal
- CL = Closing station
- K" = Any station transmit
usually send
at the end
- KN = Listening only for a specific station
- DX = Distant Station Outside the country
- "DE" = From or this
- 73 = Best regards or good-bye
- Send no faster than you can receive
- Zero Beat the station you want to talk to

Spectrum Analyzer Waterfall Display



Slide Complements Don AI6RE

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Winlink

- Internet Connection
- Send a Connect message on Frequency

G2E13

Which communication system sometimes uses the Internet to transfer messages?

A. Winlink

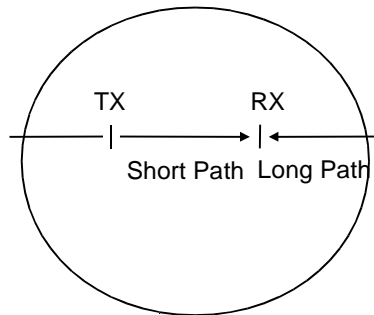
G2E10

Which of the following is a way to establish contact with a digital messaging system gateway station?

D. Transmit a connect message on the station's published frequency

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Short – Long Path



- **Short path beam pointed E**
- **Long path beam pointed W**
 - Transmission time Longer

G3B01

How might a sky-wave signal sound if it arrives at your receiver by both short path and long path propagation?

D. A well-defined echo might be heard

G2D06

How is a directional antenna pointed when making a "long-path" contact with another station?

C. 180 degrees from its short-path heading

RFI from Your Car

- **Charging System**
 - Alternator Whine
- **Fuel System**
 - Pump Motor
- **On Board Computers**
 - Lots of them

G4E07

Which of the following may cause interference to be heard in the receiver of an HF radio installed in a recent model vehicle?

- A. The battery charging system
- B. The fuel delivery system
- C. The vehicle control computer
- D. All of these choices are correct

Miscellaneous

Interlocks

Keep you from killing yourself

Turn off power when door or cabinet is opened

Lead

It's bad for you

It's in solder

G0B10

Which of the following is a danger from lead-tin solder?

- A. Lead can contaminate food if hands are not washed carefully after handling the solder

G0B12

What is the purpose of a power supply interlock?

- C. To ensure that dangerous voltages are removed if the cabinet is opened